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UMaine students join Washington D.C. in protesting big money in politics



Student protesters bring a small-scale DC rally to The University Of Maine mall to raise awareness of political actions. **Maggie Gautrau, Staff**

Haley Sylvester
Contributor

On the morning of April 15, a group of student protestors gathered by Alford Arena in hopes of making a statement on the big money in the United States government.

“We are protesting to show our support for the Democracy Spring protesters in Washington, D.C., thousands of whom are risking arrest to bring the powerful message to our government and Congress that we are

tired of big money in politics and voting corruption and we are ready for change,” Paige Melin, a second-year graduate student and organizer of this protest, said.

Melin learned of the D.C. protests on Monday, April 11 and spent the entire night and next day researching ways she could travel down to participate. She talked to friends and other students on campus who felt deeply about the protests and decided to organize a sit-in and protest at the University of Maine.

“This is a cause I have believed deeply in ever since I became politically conscious,” Melin said.

The protesters made posters and signs in the Alford’s parking lot before their march. The signs included sayings such as “no big money,” “elections not auctions” and “overthrow oligarchy.”

At noon, the group marched from Alford Arena to the entrance of Fogler Library, chanting, “one person, one vote,” “democracy spring,” “we are the 99

percent” and a slogan that is popular with the D.C. protesters — “we are unstoppable, another world is possible.” Once the group arrived at Fogler, they started a sit-in.

On April 2, a group of protesters marched from the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia to Washington, D.C., where thousands gathered to “reclaim” the U.S. Capitol in a peaceful protest.

The protests officially started on April 11 and lasted until April 16. The first day of the official protests,

approximately 400 people were arrested for standing on the steps of the Capitol and obstructing pathways after police asked them to move. Each day during the protesting week, there was a different theme. April 15 was student and youth day, which is why Melin chose Friday to protest on the Orono campus.

The group walking down the mall received much attention and even gained a member toward the end of the walk. The hashtag, #democracyspring, is trending

on social media, gaining more popularity as more groups across the country participate in protests.

“This event was mainly to stand in solidarity with those D.C. protesters, their efforts, and their bravery,” Melin said. “However, it was also an opportunity for those of us in the Umaine community who believe in the cause of Democracy Spring but who were not able to go to D.C. for any number of reasons to join in the movement and raise our voices against our corrupted democracy.”

UMaine and UMM announce partnership

Samuel Shepherd
News Editor

On March 23, University of Maine System (UMS) Chancellor James Page, UMaine President Susan Hunter and University of Maine at Machias (UMM) President Stuart Swain announced a plan of partnership between the two universities.

According to the background document provided by UMS, UMM was described as “neither financially nor operationally viable.” UMM has been running a sizable deficit, from just over \$400,000 in 2012 to over \$1 million this fiscal year.

UMM’s enrollment has plummeted in the last 15 years, from 1,371 in 2003 to 964 in this school year. Half of the students at UMM are from Maine’s Washington and Hancock counties. Washington County schools have seen a 30 percent decline in the number of graduates.

While UMM has seen a

significant drop in overall enrollment, UMaine has seen a boom. Maine’s enrollment saw a 17 percent increase in applicants. Using the new waitlist program, which guarantees waitlisted students a spot at another UMS campus, UMM could see the excess of students at UMaine.

“UMaine is attracting more attention, youthful talent, and resources to our demographically challenged state,” Hunter said. “Partnering with the University of Maine at Machias we can explore strategic opportunities that benefit both campuses.”

Considering Machias’ location, students interested in studying marine biology at UMaine could take advantage of “Maine’s Coastal University.”

This partnership is strongly tied to the One University Initiative, where the all of Maine’s state universities will align in terms of a unified budget and administrative function. When UMM lost a full-time

financial aid officer, the administrative duties fell back to UMaine. Administrators will attempt to consolidate more functions in this partnership.

“The University of Maine at Machias has a fundamentally important role in providing experiential learning opportunities, advancing the Downeast region, and preparing our students and the community for the future,” Swain said. “Combining our excellent programs and community focus with the reach and depth of Maine’s Flagship University, we can achieve the scale needed to enhance quality education on the coast of Maine for generations to come.”

According to UMS, the next steps include inter-campus teams looking for areas of collaboration and integration, developing prioritized curriculum, and exploring potential models. Information will be presented to the UMS board of trustees at their November 2016 meeting.

Club hosts Q&A with professional Bigfoot hunter

Mary Celeste Floreani
Contributor

This week the University of Maine’s Club for the Investigation into Non-Mainstream Beliefs, formerly known as the UMaine Paranormal Investigation Club, spoke with professional bigfoot hunter Eric Altman.

Altman is a consultant and advisor on Bigfoot groups like Paranexus, the Paranormal Society of Pennsylvania and the Keystone Bigfoot Project. Altman also works for the UFO Research Center of Pennsylvania.

Many might know Altman for his work on the popular Animal Planet program Finding Bigfoot. Altman has assisted in Pennsylvania hunts for the cryptid with the show’s Cliff Barackman.

Altman attributes his interest in Bigfoot to movies he saw in his youth, beginning his official Bigfoot hunting in 1997.

“I’ve been interested in this since 1980,” Altman said. “I really enjoyed films like the ‘Legend of Boggy Creek’ and ‘Creature from Black Lake.’”

While Altman is a firm believer in what he calls the “global phenomenon” that is Bigfoot, he is skeptical of much of the evidence out there. “Most of the evidence is anecdotal” he says, adding that he thinks “at least 90 percent of audio or video evidence” is likely faked.

Altman said that most of the evidence comes from eyewitness reports and footprints.

“While eyewitness reports are a global phenomenon, footprints don’t really prove anything other than that there is something out there leaving footprints,” Altman said.

Despite Altman’s skepticism of the evidence, he holds his beliefs steadfast after 20 years of research and thinks there has to be something to this global phenomenon.

Club member Connor

Huck said that these lectures offer great insight and a platform for ideas that aren’t often spoken about.

“[The club] provides a chance to explore ideas that are outside of the mainstream,” Huck said. “I would not have the chance to talk [about] them otherwise.”

Altman’s skepticism gets at the heart of the Investigation into Non-Mainstream Beliefs Club’s mission. Club President Cory Lemay said that not every member is on board with every non-mainstream belief, but remains open-minded.

“We try to take an open minded but critical look at issues that many people often discard,” Lemay said. “I’ve never walked away from one of our discussions thinking that the speaker is crazy or irrational. All of the people we’ve talked to have had reasons for believing the things they do, even though those reasons might not be empirically accurate.”

Alumni Association kicks off annual tuition raffle

Samuel Shepherd
News Editor

The University of Maine Alumni Association (UMAA) announced their annual tuition raffle earlier in April, which offers students the opportunity to test their luck with the opportunity for a large payout. UMAA Director of Strategic Engagement Jill Fiore said that this raffle will go a long way to funding very important events for the stu-

dent body. “The Tuition Raffle enables the Alumni Association to enrich students’ personal and professional development through programs such as the Black Bear Leadership Summit and the ‘Pros Who Know’ networking event,” Fiore said. “This fundraiser also helps us to support class council programming and the annual Traditions Ceremony, as well as other student relationship programs

and services.” The prize for the raffle is the equivalent of 30 credit hours of in-state undergraduate tuition for the 2016-2017 academic year. Based on current tuition rates, the payout will be at least \$8,300. The prize is paid out in two semester installments, and the money cannot be used outside of tuition. While no purchase is necessary for the raffle, UMAA suggests that a \$5 donation

be made per ticket. Tickets can be obtained online or in person at the Buchanan Alumni House until May 2. “Parents, grandparents, friends and anyone else 18 years of age or older can participate in the raffle and can designate the UMaine student they’d like to receive the prize,” Fiore added. Deadline for entry to the raffle is May 6. The drawing will be held at the Alumni House on May 9.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Maine Campus Editor,

I am writing to you on behalf of all University of Maine student employees, as we have no other form of advocacy on campus. Many student workers are upset, with good cause, by the university’s annual “Student Employment Appreciation Week.” Picture this, it’s Monday’s lunch rush in the Memorial Union. A student worker serving food from Union Central looks onward from their work station as hungry students, many non-student employees, line up at the Student Employment Appreciation Week free pizza booth. The free pizza, meant as a token of appreciation to student employees, is quickly gobbled up by a random assortment of passerby students. The student worker simply continues on working, as they are unable to participate from their station.

Tuesday rolls along, and a student employee in IT Support works in the Union Computer Cluster. The employee is three hours into their shift and is sweating in the 80 plus degree temperature. The students who work here have long complained to their supervisors about the heat, but have yet to be accommodated. The worker observes people walking by the computer cluster with bowls of cold, refreshing ice cream. The student worker sees the flyer for Student Employment Appreciation Week and realizes the ice cream is free for everyone, including non-workers, but the food is first come first serve. The worker excitedly awaits their break and rushes to the ice cream stand, only to find out that they are too late and the free food is gone.

Every year, student workers loath the coming of Student Employment Appreciation Week. Rarely do student workers benefit from this week of appreciation, as they are often at work, and can only watch as the non-exclusive food and prizes are generously given out to literally anyone that walks by. In an ironic twist, the only population of students who cannot participate in Student Employment Appreciation Week, are the student workers, who are usually at work.

This faux week of appreciation only shines light on the university’s lack of gratitude to their student workers. Student workers do not have it easy, as wages are near minimum, and benefits are few. Turnover for university student workers is great, as their hard work is rarely recognized and Student Employment Appreciation Week is testament of that. This week only illustrates the university’s disdain and utter incompetence toward their student workers. Many student employees have recognized this and are disheartened. In fact, the only good Student Employment Appreciation Week has done for student workers is make the working body more unified in their distrust for the department of Student Employment and the university administration as a whole. This week is a slap in the face to student workers, and serves only as an annual reminder that the university does not appreciate student workers in any way shape and/or form.

Sincerely,
Troy Lawrence
4th year Oakes Room
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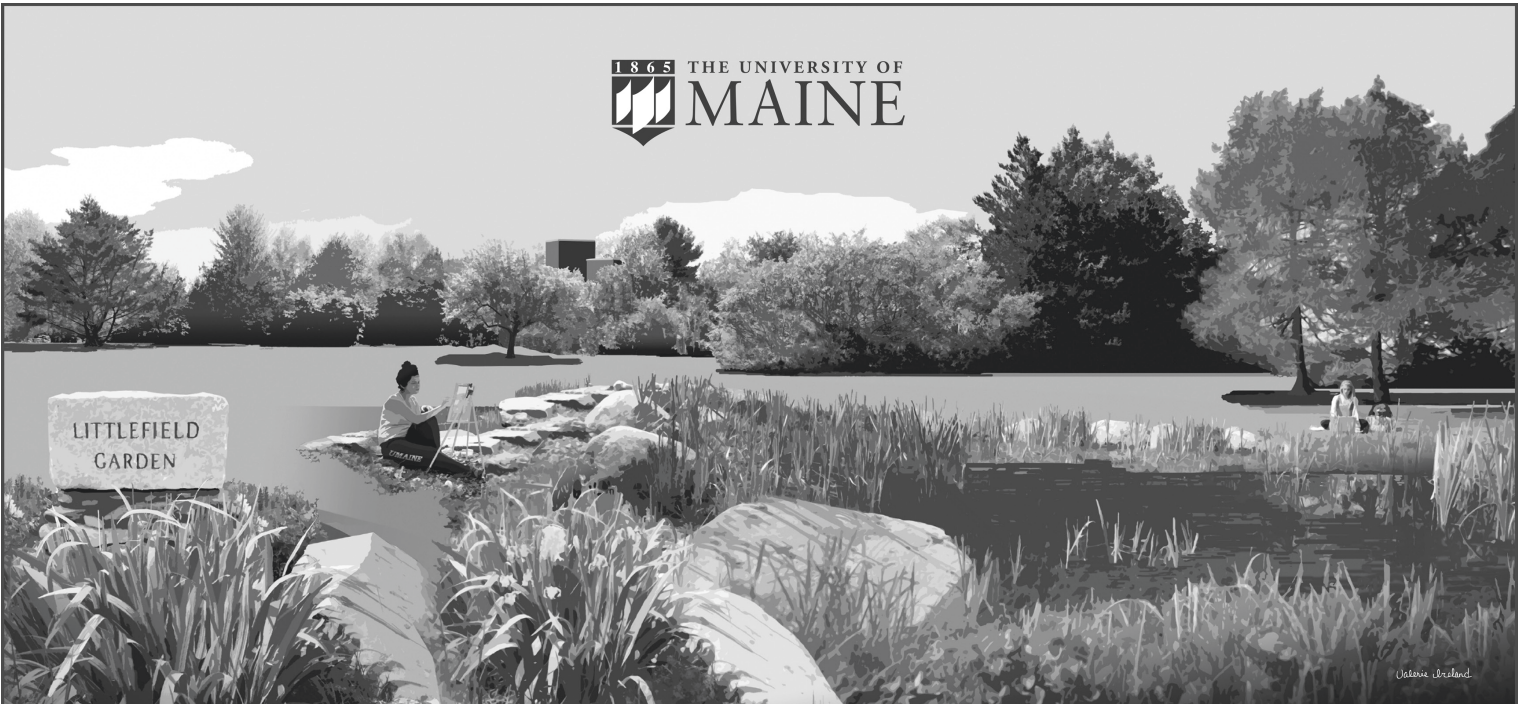
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Police Beat

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Sam Shepherd

News Editor

April 7

9:52 p.m. - Potty punch

University of Maine Police Department (UMPD) responded to a criminal mischief complaint in Boardman Hall, referencing damage to a bathroom. Officers observed a toilet

April 9

12:13 a.m. - False alarm

UMPD received a resident assistant (RA) report of noise and the odor of mari-

April 10

1:49 a.m. - In a grind

A UMPD officer on foot patrol made contact with a group of students in a common area in York Hall. The officer looked in the window and saw a marijuana grinder on a table. After no one claimed the grinder, Kearney Nash, 19, of Franklin, Mass., said it was hers. Nash did not have a medical marijuana card, and was summonsed for possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 11

8:28 a.m. - Who-rah?

UMPD received a report of theft from the Navy ROTC building on 378 College Ave. According to the report, the Navy ROTC sign was stolen at some point between April 10 and the morning of April 11. The value of the sign is \$488,

April 11

1:31 p.m. - Backslash

UMPD responded to a criminal mischief complaint at Delta Tau Delta's house. Officers observed two vehicles with a tire slashed. The damage is estimated at \$300 and the matter is under investigation.

April 11

7:50 p.m. - There's nothing to search for

UMPD responded to an RA report of an odor of marijuana in Cumberland Hall. Officers traced the odor back to the room of Matthew Carlson, an 18-year-old first-year student. Officers asked Carlson to relinquish all marijuana and paraphernalia. Carlson gave up a pipe and other paraphernalia. While cooperative, Carlson didn't consent to a full search. Carlson was summonsed for possession of drug paraphernalia and referred to JA.

UMPD

room. The resident was given a disorderly conduct warning and referred to Judicial Affairs (JA).

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The World This Week

April 11 - Three militants tried to attack a police station in southern Russia, with all of them being killed or blown up. No authorities or civilians were killed in the efforts. The identity of the militants and the cause is unknown.

April 17 - More than 230 people were killed and hundreds more injured after a 7.8 magnitude earthquake rocked Ecuador. The quake was the third in a string of tremors that affected countries along the Pacific Ocean.

April 17 - A search for two 17-year old males who were swept out to sea while in the water of a San Francisco beach was called off after five hours.

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Briefs

Quick news from around the University of Maine System

Sam Shepherd
News Editor

Roscoe named 2016 Distinguished Maine Professor

On April 11, University of Maine anthropologist Paul Roscoe was named the 2016 Distinguished Maine Professor by the UMaine Alumni Association. Roscoe joined the UMaine faculty in 1984. Ac-

cording to UMaine News, Roscoe has appeared in a number of anthropology and archaeology journals. He is also the recipient of the Curl Essay Prize from the Royal Anthropological Institute. Roscoe has received a number of rewards from the UMaine community, included the 1996 Presi-

dential Outstanding Teaching Award and the 2008 Research and Creative Achievement Award. There will be an event to bestow Roscoe with a monetary prize, a blazer and a pewter medallion on May 12 at the Buchanan Alumni House.

LePage signs new gun bill

Gov. Paul LePage signed a bill on April 12, barring most private landlords who accept public housing vouchers from banning guns in their apartments. The National Rifle Association backed this proposal. This law allows landlords “reasonable restrictions” related to the possession and use of a firearm with common areas, “as long as those restrictions do not circumvent the use or possession of a firearm in the tenant’s rental unit.” Harvey Lembo, a retired lobsterman from Rockland,

inspired the bill, after he purchased a gun to protect himself after a string of robberies in his apartment complex. The new law will come into effect in 90 days. **Fried named Valedictorian, Smart named salutatorian** According to a UMaine News release on April 5, Nicholas Fried of Millers-town, Pa was named the 2016 UMaine valedictorian, and Connor Smart of Lincoln, Maine was named salutatorian. Fried is an animal and veterinary sciences student with a minor in chemistry.

He will attend Louisiana State University to receive his M.D./Ph.D. After that, he wants to become a primary care physician and conduct zoonotic epidemiology research. Smart is an accounting and finance student. Smart was also named the Outstanding Graduating Student in the Maine Business School. He plans to become a certified public accountant in Maine. The students will receive their degrees at the 214th Commencement in Harold Alfond Sports Arena on May 14.

This Week in Student Government

Weekly recap of decisions made by the UMaine Student Government General Student Senate

Haley Sylvester
Contributor

GSS gets down to business

With no outside members addressing the Senate this week, the Student Government took roll call, approved meeting minutes and started with club maintenance.

Club Maintenance

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics received preliminary club recognition. The Maine Power Builders received preliminary club recognition.

Club Presentations

The African Student Association thanked the General Student Senate (GSS) for helping to fund their trip to the African Development Conference at Harvard University. The event ran from

March 4 to March 6 with 26 students attending.

The Cheerleading Club thanked the GSS for funding their trip to the Collegiate Nationals in Daytona Beach, Florida. At the end of the competition, they earned the national title in their division.

The Dressage Club thanked the GSS for helping fund their spring show in Newburg, Maine.

REACH thanked the GSS for helping in fund their trip to Ecuador over spring break. The group of 20 students plus an advisor worked with kindergarten through sixth-grade children renovating a playground, gathering clothes and teaching English and math.

The Women’s Soccer club thanked the GSS for funding their equipment and traveling needs during their away games this semester.

Periodic Reports

Connor Scott presented on the recent board of trustees meeting held at the University



of Maine at Farmington on March 13 and 14. He reported that along with the University of Maine System (UMS) campuses integrating, MaineStreet will also be redesigned. Overall, enrollment in the UMS system is increasing. As of March 16, there were over 14,000 applicants in the system. Students not accepted by this time have the option of

being waitlisted for the Orono campus or being able to enroll in another campus and later

er transfer to Orono.

Although the overall enrollment in the UMS system is increasing, Umaine the University of Maine at Machias (UMM) as an individual is facing a decrease in enrollment. Due to this, UMaine and UMM will soon be entering in a primary partnership to attract more students and improve overall finances. In other

news, 15 faculty members on the Orono campus recently received tenure. Additionally, Scott reported that for the fourth year in a row, Maine has the oldest average age in the country.

Senator Adam Shaw returned with information from the recent Orono Town Council Liaison meeting. He reported that the Woodmen’s Bar and Grill as well as the Bear Brew Pub were unanimously approved to renew their liquor licenses. A lunch wagon license was awarded to The Family Dog Restaurant — the owner said that it will be available for events in Orono starting soon.

Additionally, an order was approved to fund four new special police details targeting seatbelt use in the Orono area. Along with this, the Bulletproof Vest Partnership is giving money to the Orono Town Council to purchase four new bulletproof police vests. Finally, the city of Orono has adopted a new

contract for their waste management system — waste will now be delivered to a new facility currently under development called “Fiberight, LLC” in Hampden, Maine. The new facility will process solid waste into industrial sugars and biofuels. Typically, about 80 percent of waste is able to be refined, and the other 20 percent is sent to local landfills.

Allocations

\$300 was allocated to the Maine Peace Action Committee for their movie night.

\$141 was given to Student Women’s Association for the Beautiful Project.

\$800 was given to the Maine Steiners for their summer tour.

\$250 was given to Mock Trial for their murder mystery.

\$100 was given to South Asian Association of Maine for the Bangladeshi and Sri Lankan New Year.

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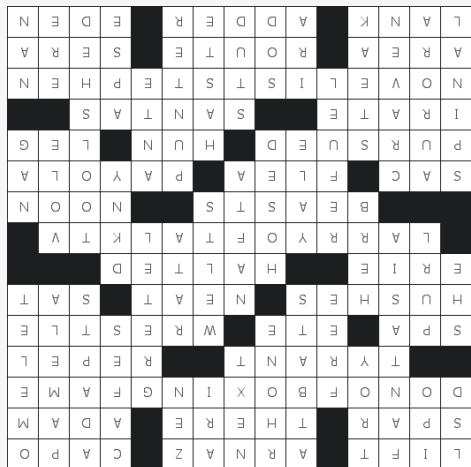
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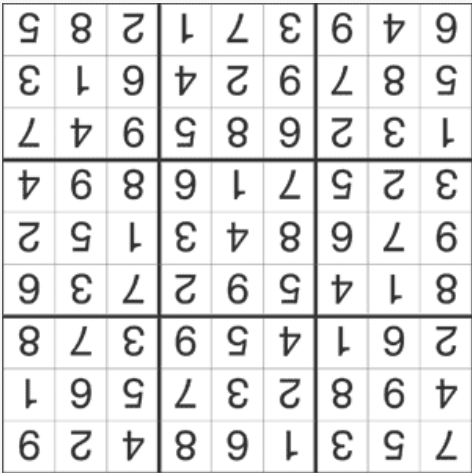
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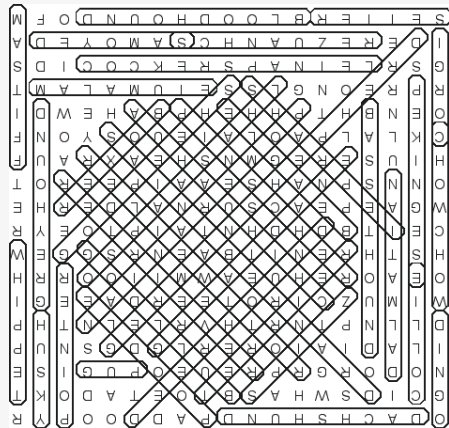
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Opinion

Monday April 18, 2016

Advocacy needs more than discussion - it demands real action

This past week, the University of Maine campus was host to two student-led protests. These events, also including invested community members, touched on relevant issues for the post-secondary student demographic: the Democracy Spring action and cancellation of student debt. Both topics hold great promise to be important to UMaine students.

Yet, word about these protests was sparse in the days leading up to — and following — them. Atten-

dance was minimal: not nearly enough to make the big impact that supporters of the issue would have wanted. The similar unfolding of both events exposes a critical issue for any protest that will occur on the UMaine campus. Students do not take protests seriously, and they do not interact with them how they should.

If we stand for an issue, we cannot be complacent in its promotion. Protests require a certain amount of planning which students have to understand if they

wish to hold one. The student body needs ample warning about an event. It needs to be talked about — often. Furthermore, timing cannot be random; we can all agree that protests should not be in the middle of a weekday, while many of us are in class or eating lunch.

Something should be said about the content of protests as well. A protest needs more than signs and people gathering together talking about the surface level of an issue. We need

discussion of future action. Advancement is just as — if not more — important than bringing more people into an issue. There is no use in having more people know something if none of them have a plan to change things. If someone wants to hold a protest for any issue, they need to be well-educated in the fine details as well as their plan for moving forward. They don't need something revolutionary, but having an outline, like future events or further sources, wouldn't hurt.

The problem is not only in the protest itself. The student body opinion on protests is a jumbled mess of thinking they are meaningless and embarrassing or viewing them as an end-all action that will miraculously change something. Neither viewpoint is conclusive to making honest change in our society. If we avoid the people that have the courage to stand out in public, we betray our own politics. We cannot say that we stand for something and then refuse to foster it when it

seems silly or inconvenient.

On the flipside, protests cannot be put on the pedestal of being the highest service to an issue. They have serious merit, which is why they have been a tool for social activists for generations. However, things happen beyond the initial speak-out. This is the substance that we need to think about when advocating for something that we care about. It doesn't matter that we talk about it if we make no action later. The follow through needs to happen.

The American Dream is a broken ideal

Eliza Jones
Contributor

I learned the other day, through the many charms of social media, about a man named Dale Partridge. He writes for USA Today and the Wall Street Journal, he is a bestselling author and the founder of Startupcamp.com and @Sevenly, and according to his Twitter account, he is a self-described “Pro Blogger, Keynote Speaker, Family Man, and Follower of Christ.” All right, so the guy is pretty influential, maybe even inspirational. That's fantastic. I have no issue with that.

I learned about Partridge when he started showing up on my Facebook newsfeed. Several friends had shared a post he made on April 10, which happened to be his 31st birthday. “I'm not sure when men decided that 30 was the new 15,” he began his post. “When men thought it was better to remain independent than making a commitment to another. When men were (sic) courageous in business and battle but afraid to be fathers.” He continues, “I'm not sure when video games and ‘guy night’ became more important than tee-ball and date night. When 4 year relationships weren't long enough for a proposal ... I'm not sure,” he says, “when men became boys.”

I put my phone down after I'd read his post with a sour feeling in my stomach. Everything he wrote seemed to be true, accurate and the “right thing.” The friends of mine who had shared his post on Facebook were all young women in their 20s; they all expressed sentiments when they shared Partridge's post that were along the lines of, “Yes, finally! A real man.”

I felt that I was supposed to agree. My finger hovered over the “Like” button, but I hesitated. It took me a second to realize that I didn't agree, at least not with everything Partridge said. In fact, some of what he said was in direct contradiction to my current life philosophy.

Partridge goes on to explain how our culture “has a boy problem,” what the Italians call Peter Pan Syndrome and what he calls immaturity and selfishness: “Men so focused on their dreams, their visions, and their desires they find themselves wealthy, known, and alone ... [We] don't need more boys,” he says. “We need men who will grow up, know up, and show up. Who will fight for romance and commit quickly and stay indefinitely. To turn their hearts toward children and work to raise them well.”

This is my issue. Partridge seems to be advocating for the traditional American Dream:

that idealistic pursuit of happiness where men take care of their families and women take care of their men, when husbands and wives produce three smiling children and vacation along the shore every summer and then eventually retire in perfect harmony. He wants men to “grow up,” to “commit early,” to “turn their hearts toward children.” To do anything else, he seems to be saying, is immature and selfish. To want anything else, then, is immature and selfish.

I didn't read Partridge's post as an opinion that had to be exclusively about men. What if we read it as an opinion about how we all should be, men and women? If we read it that way, then we could say that it is immature and selfish for any of us to put ourselves and our dreams first, to not want children or not want to jump right into marriage or commitment. As a woman who is doing that very thing, I take offense. Marriage and children are not right for everyone, and I certainly don't think they are decisions that should be made young or in haste. I committed to a man when I was 21. I married him when I was 25. I thought about having kids with him, vacationing along the shore and being in perfect harmonious retirement with this man. But I listened to a voice that had been quietly murmuring in the farthest corners of my soul

for years that said I wanted a different life, and my happiness had to come first. I resent being called immature and selfish for my decisions to leave that life behind and start over — and I've been called that plenty of times in the last eight months. I resent any notion that says we have to subscribe to a broken American Dream, a template or a mold of societal expectations of what we should be doing, what we should have accomplished and what we should want at a certain age.

Perhaps what bothered me the most about Partridge's post is that it was young, independent, educated women who were my age that were sharing and agreeing with his sentiments. There can't be a double standard, ladies. If you expect men to act like the husbands from the 1950s, then expect society to start expecting you to act like the wives of the 1950s. If you have a girl's night away from your kids, you're selfish. If you decide you'd rather have a master's degree by 28 than two children, then you're selfish. With all the steps our society has taken in recognizing that the perfect American family and life are only ideals, I was shocked by the popularity of Partridge's post. Shame on anybody who calls another person immature and selfish for wanting something different.

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Wearing makeup is not an indicator of being anti-feminist

Kim Crowley
Contributor

Modern feminist discourse has struggled with a certain dilemma: the paradoxes of makeup and fashion. These two topics pose questions from both viewpoints. One may ask: are we meant to support makeup as an industry and hobby, to take pride in our skillfully groomed brows and pretty dresses that make us feel more beautiful? Or are our cultural notions of beauty something to fight against — another means of control, forcing us to focus more on appearances than we should?

This problem of beauty and feminism began decades ago, during the second-wave feminism of the 1960s and 1970s. Simone de Beauvoir’s famous feminist philosophical text, “The Second Sex,” stated “when [a woman] has once accepted her vocation as sexual object, she enjoys adorning herself.” De Beauvoir’s book laid the foundation for much of the second-wave feminist movement; and as such, many feminists began to push for the eschewing of makeup and beauty practices. They believed that any personal

decorations — whether they be makeup, dressy clothing or jewelry — were only forms of subjugation and oppression, perpetrated by a patriarchal society that valued women solely for their beauty and sex appeal.

De Beauvoir’s quote and the push of second-wave feminism suggested that women only adorned themselves through makeup and beauty practices due to a sort of societal pressure. Even when a person believed they wore makeup for themselves and not to please others, they were simply brainwashed into internalizing and accepting the role society expected of them. I do not believe this to be true — women are able to make conscious choices for themselves regarding their personal appearance and are not strictly controlled by the views of other people.

I identify as a feminist. However, I enjoy dressing up and wearing makeup from time to time. I do not believe my feminist views and my interest in makeup and fashion are at odds with one another; I am happy to see this strict anti-makeup and anti-beauty ideology waning since its peak in the 1960s and 1970s. While there are

continuing societal pressures for women to look a certain way and fit idealized beauty standards, these pressures are not derived from the acts of wearing makeup or dressy clothes. Such beauty practices inherently allow self-expression and self-empowerment. Instead of criticizing those who wear makeup, feminism celebrates all appearances and alternatively addresses the sources of cultural beauty standards, primarily found in mainstream media.

Though many would disagree with my viewpoint and instead align with those of Beauvoir and second-wave feminism, it is important to dispel the idea that you cannot be a feminist if you wear makeup. I don’t think it’s a crime to embrace feminine beauty if that is what makes you feel most happy in your own skin. Furthermore, if you are a woman and feel more comfortable forgoing common beauty practices like makeup, more power to you! What should matter in modern feminism is the equal opportunity for all people to love how they look and empower themselves by being as comfortable in their body as they can be.

Don’t abandon all communication with your family

Brooke Bailey
Contributor

We all know how overwhelming college can be. It is far too easy to get stuck in rigid routine of sleep, eat, homework and repeat. While it is certainly important to excel and work hard in college, don’t let it become your entire life. Amidst the collections of formulas, theories and events you memorize in college, don’t forget to learn the true key to a good life: balance. Balance your academics with your well-being, friends and most importantly your family. College may send you far away from your family, but don’t accept that as a reason to not be involved with your family matters. Avoid spending your college years only focusing on yourself — keep up with your family.

In today’s world of vast technology, there is no reason to ignore your family members. It’s common for many of us to text or call our parents and siblings on a weekly basis, but we need to do more than that. Cell phones and Facebook provide us with an instan-

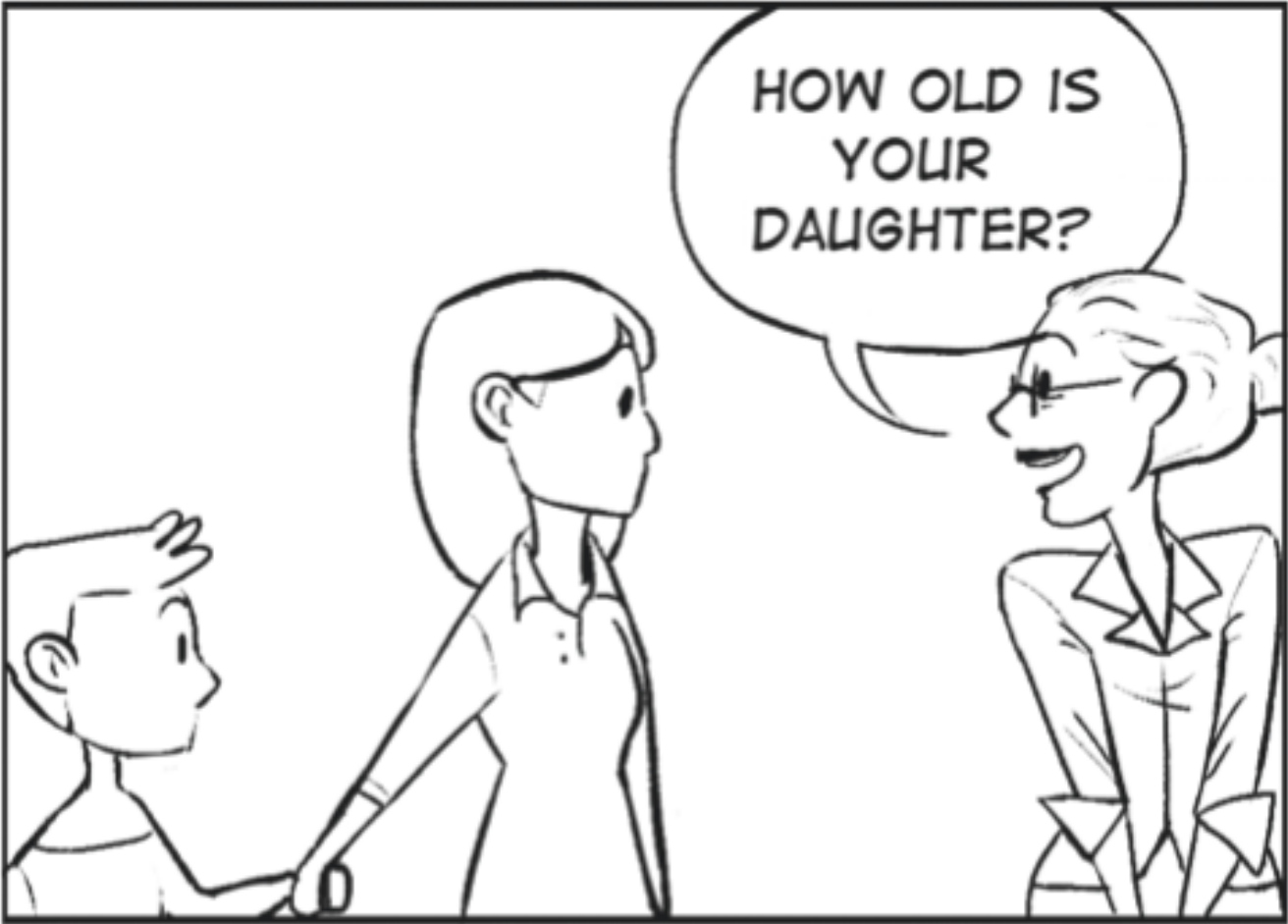
aneous opportunity to contact those family members that we may only see on holidays or infrequent family gatherings. Our technology makes it unbelievably easy to contact our family members, so there’s no excuse not to.

If you’re lucky enough to have your grandparents on Facebook, take advantage of it. Send them a message and ask them how they’re doing or fill them in with your college life. We all know our grandparents would love that. It is especially important for people our age to build a strong relationship with their grandparents. We can learn so much from them since they have a completely different outlook on life. It doesn’t matter if you sit down with them at their kitchen table, call them once in awhile or just send them a message, just make communication with them a priority.

Your grandparents are the history of your family. Learn about their life, relationships, regrets, proudest moments and what they think about the world. When we were younger, we viewed our grandparents as the people we would see

every once in awhile, who spoiled us with presents or the best-ever brownies. But now we’re older, and we have more to talk about instead of just answering how school has been going. Pull out old photo albums and ask them questions about your family, or learn how to make family recipes. While building these relationships with your entire family is crucial, focus particularly on your grandparents.

Learn early in life that family really is everything. College might currently seem like the most important thing in your life, but your family is still going to be there waiting for you when you’re graduated. Don’t ignore them. We are busy in college, but not so busy that everything else needs to be put on hold. Take an hour or so once a week and plan out how you’re going to balance your week. Too much of anything, even studying, will not do you any good. Get in contact with that family you haven’t seen in awhile and make a plan to visit as soon as the craze of finals is over. Trust me, it will be worth your while.



BEING IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH A TALL PERSON

Courtesy of Caitlyn Burman



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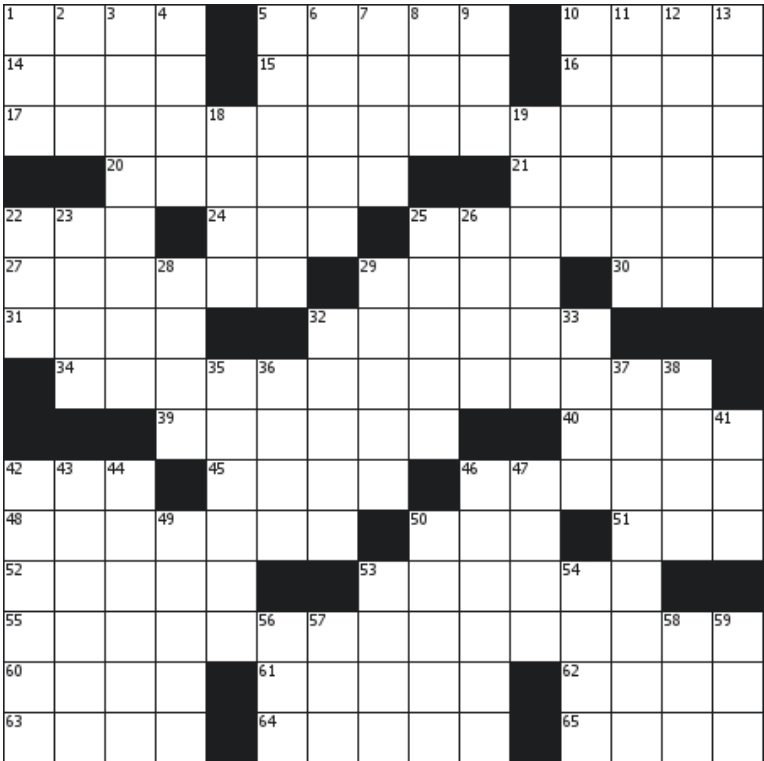
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Diversions

Crossword



- Across**
1. Male cheerleader’s move
5. Ball’s partner
10. Syndicate bigwig
14. Duke it out, in practice
15. “Voila!”
16. The #1 guy?
17. King of sports
20. Autocrat
21. Drive back
22. Fat farm feature
24. Berlioz’s “Les nuits d’____”
25. Earn one’s keep in the WWF
27. Quiets down
29. Unmixed, to a mixologist
30. Held the chair
31. Sandusky’s lake
32. Stopped marching
34. King of cable
39. Burden bearers
40. Factory whistle time, perhaps
42. Certain bunt, on a scorecard
45. Kind of market or circus
46. Scandal subject
48. Went for
50. Attila, for one
51. Relay segment
52. Plenty sore
53. Year-end temps
55. King of horror
60. Geometry class calculation
61. Way to go
62. Word repeated after “Que”
63. Long and lean
64. Snake that counts?
65. Site of temptation
- Down**
1. Trip promoter?
2. New issue on the NYSE
3. Disney classic
4. Gold weight
5. Plate appearances
6. River through Avignon
7. Barber’s call
8. Former Bush spokesman Fleischer
9. Path to enlightenment
10. Cappuccino purveyors
11. Turns a book into a film, e.g.
12. Anderson of “Baywatch”
13. Brunch staple
18. For the taking
19. Gingerbread house visitor
22. The queen as a subject?
23. Knitting stitch
25. Whip marks
26. Pro ____
28. Trumpeter Alpert
29. 1993 treaty acronym
32. Watered the lawn
33. Fashion initials
35. Stop at the pump
36. Where the Clintons met
37. Backyard building
38. Meadow rodent
41. Old horse
42. Tap type
43. Northern sky sight
44. “Scream” director Wes
46. Fourth-down specialist
47. Feed the kitty
49. “Turf,” not “surf”
50. Waste maker
53. Fancy fastener
54. Basilica end
56. Gershwin or Levin
57. Turf
58. Palindromist’s preposition
59. One of the Bobbsey twins

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Word Search: Dogs

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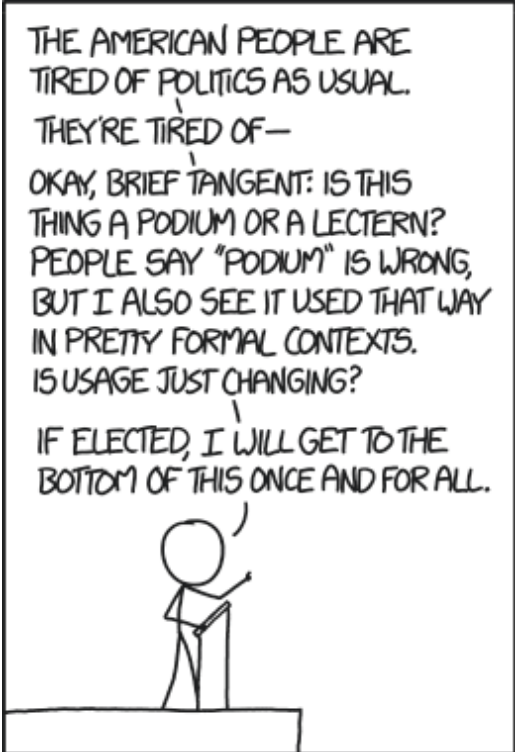
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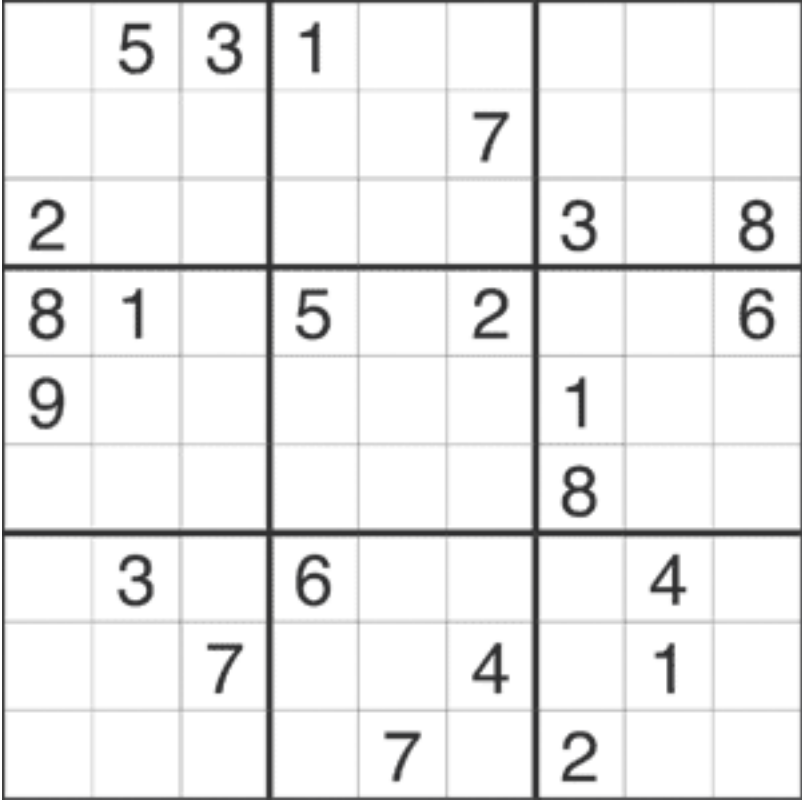


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Sudoku

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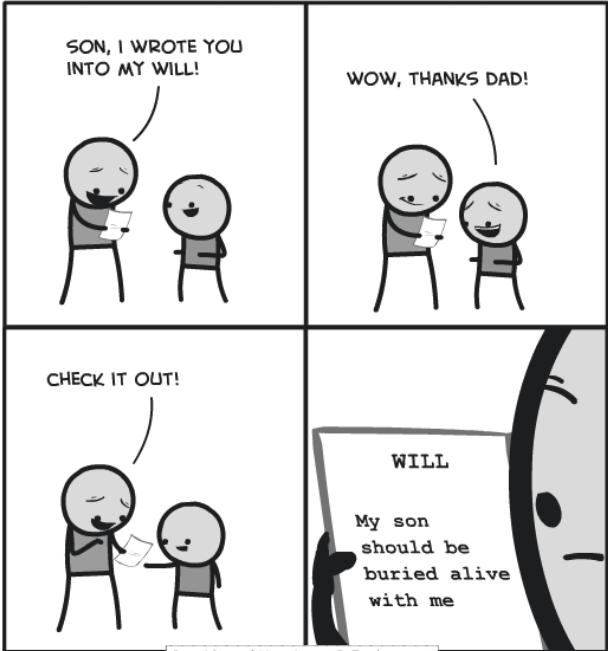
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By Anthony Clark



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Word Scramble: Shopping

1. MLLA

2. CHSA

3. LESL

4. CTEHLSO

5. ENYMO

6. LSAE
7. LTALWE

8. AELD

9. YUB

10. AINGRBA

1. MALL 2. CASH 3. SELL 4. CLOTHES
5. MONEY 6. SALE 7. WALLET 8. DEAL
9. BUY 10. BARGAIN

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Through the Grapevine: Tor-Run the other way

Alan Bennett
Culture Editor

WINE 
Tomero 2014 torrontes

I had run out of ideas. From zinfandels, chardonnays, pinot grigios and pinot noirs, I was at a loss for wine. It was Wednesday evening, and deadline was encroaching. I needed some help, so I took to Twitter to crowd-source which varietal of wine to drink for this week.

Although I would like to announce the attempt was successful, it was in fact the opposite. A big thank you to The Maine Campus’ own Photo Editor, Aley Lewis, for recommending Budweiser. You’re cute. A couple other suggestions included boxed wine or whatever happened to be on super-clearance for the week. Please, people, I still have some self-respect. My attempt only managed to nab two legitimate suggestions: a pinot grigio and a German gewurztraminer. I haven’t been able to look at pinot grigio the same way since Villa Pozzi broke my heart in October, so I took to the wine aisle to find the latter.

Unfortunately, and sorry @Connorjs123, a gewurztraminer was nowhere to be found. Lost among the many whites available at Burby and Bates, I came to a varietal that happens to be a favorite of mine, torrontes, a white grape native to Argentina. It is typ-

ically a light and refreshing wine, ripe with fresh fruit flavors and a tender sweetness. To remain unbiased, I purchased a brand with which I have no familiarity, Tomero 2014 torrontes from Salta, Argentina.

Upon returning home, I unscrewed the cap (blessed be twist-offs) and poured a glass of the golden, grassy-colored wine. I took in the aroma: it was fruity, full of fresh peaches and apples, but astringent and forceful. Distinctively floral, its aroma promised a dry wine with great body. And dry it was on the palate, parching, even. All of the sweet undertones of fresh fruit were hidden behind an acidic mask of indiscernible flavors: grapefruit? Garlic? I’m honestly not sure. Purely one-noted, it offered only a sour pucker and nothing else to be desired. Perhaps the finish, if you could make it that far, was the best part: a subtle hint of warming rosemary washed over the senses, but not enough to rectify the bitter blast that obliterated my taste buds.

The torrontes grape is grown in a variable climate, with hot days and cold nights, which should lend it a balanced acidity. I’m wondering if this vintage experienced a cold patch from which it could not recover. As I’ve discussed before, cooler-climate wines tend to be more acidic because the grapes ripen more slowly — hotter-climate grapes ripen fast, and so their sugars are more concen-



Tomero 2014 torrontes is available for \$12.99 at Burby and Bates in Orono. Alan Bennett, Culture Editor

trated.

The winemaker notes that this wine, composed of 100 percent torrontes riojano, is a “lively, mineral wine with good acidity and a fresh finish with a hint of citrus.” Buzzwords such as “lively” and “fresh” do not apply here. This wine is tough to drink and even tougher to review, so I asked a couple friends their opinions on this torrontes (I’m into crowdsourcing, as you know). Their opinions were similar, albeit a little more honest.

“It just didn’t taste good,” one friend said, who noted its

flavor was just plain “gross.”

“It reminds me of some type of cheap beer,” another friend said, who also remarked that it resembled a “classy Miller Lite.” If you should have one takeaway from this review, let that be it.

I’m saddened to have spent \$12.99 on this bottle of wine, seeing as I had such high expectations. I’m actually hesitant to recommend food pairings. First, I would suggest you purchase another bottle of wine entirely. But if you were looking to pair this wine with any kind of food, the winemaker suggests appe-

lizers, seafood, fusion cuisine and exotic dishes. I would say that, due to its high acidity, you should pair it with fattier fare such as grilled salmon and roasted potatoes, scallops or lobster with butter or eggs Benedict with Hollandaise abundant. In fact, if you have to choke down this wine, it would be best to do so with brunch.

Few times have I ever said “put the bottle back,” but unfortunately my experience with Tomero’s 2014 torrontes has given me reason to think twice before buying variations of my favorites. May-

be Aley was right: perhaps I should have gone with Budweiser.

Tomero 2014 torrontes is available at Burby and Bates in Orono for \$12.99 per 750-milliliter bottle. It is recommended you not buy it.

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with your wine suggestions

The last ‘Through the Grapevine’ is April 25.

International students celebrate South Asian New Year with food and friends

Aliya Uteuova
Staff Writer

Spring is a time of rebirth and revival. The ancient Babylonians, Greeks and numerous other inhabitants of early civilizations planned their celebrations and rituals to coincide with the changes in season. Moon cycles, called solstices, occur twice a year. Marked by the longest and shortest days, solstices occur when the sun reaches its greatest distance from the celestial equator. Another important observation of a lunar calendar are equinoxes or “equal night” translated from Latin. Also occurring two times a year, an equinox marks the time when the sun crosses the ce-

lestial equator, during which the day and night are of equal length. Many people still live by these markers.

The South Asian New Year celebrations corresponds to the Hindu lunar calendar Panchanga, as well as the Bengali calendar, which is a solar calendar. New Years in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka coincide with each other, generally falling on April 13 or April 14. For people of these countries, the New Year marks the beginning of the agricultural season and spring revival. The way people celebrate this holiday depend on their family traditions, but generally, people wear their traditional attire,

prepare a lot of food and visit their family members.

“For some, this is a major thing. For some, it is not,” Tamanna Ramesh, secretary of the University of Maine’s South Asian Association of Maine (SAAM), said. “This is not a big celebration in my family, but it is still a very special day when families get together and have variety of meals that we eat on a banana leaf. People also worship their own gods, depending on the family and traditions,” Ramesh, who is from the southernmost Indian state of Tamil Nadu, said.

Last Saturday, April 16, SAAM celebrated the beginning of the New Year at the Wilson Center on College Avenue. Many guests and

members of SAAM wore traditional clothes from their homelands and prepared various dishes, as it was a potluck-style celebration. The space was decorated with colorful scarves and materials from various South Asian countries. The Vice President of SAAM, Prateek Kunwar, gave a presentation on different yet similar New Year celebrations across South Asia, encouraging the attendees to share what kinds of similar holidays they celebrate.

Seyyed Mohammad Hashemi from Iran talked about his family’s celebration of Nowruz an Iranian New Year while Emily Cecire from Canada shared how she celebrated the New Year in Bangor. Cecire has been

attending SAAM events since November of last year, when she was invited to Diwali, the Hindu celebration of light.

“SAAM is a multiethnic group of interesting, fun and kindhearted people who enjoy getting together and celebrating. I think they bring some unique perspective because of their cultural backgrounds, and there’s always delicious food,” Cecire shared.

Indeed, the food table at the New Year celebration was very popular. The line for chicken curry, spicy eggplant rice, crispy puli pitha and much more rapidly increased as more people came to Wilson Center.

“We wanted to celebrate

this special moment together and this is how we like to celebrate, dress up, eat food, play games and have fun,” Ayesha Maliwal, program director of SAAM, shared.

For UMaine fourth-year student senior Haley LaGrange, this was the first SAAM event she had attended.

“This is so important for people like me, who are not familiar with all of the different cultures and customs of the world. It is important to realize that my culture is not necessarily the right culture, it is one of many,” LaGrange shared. “Establishments such as this provide an outlet of information about the world and bring light of other cultures to a place like Maine.”

Employment from A12

All the local restaurants donated to the event, where students could vote for the place that made the best pizza.

The OSE also hosted a banquet on Monday evening. The banquet was held to recognize and honor one undergraduate student, one graduate student and one supervisor as an employee of the year. The nominees are nominated sometime in February, and must have

been working for a minimum of six months part-time.

“I thought the banquet we had on Monday was really cool,” Melber said. “It was really nice that people, especially departments can nominate their students to get Student Employee of the Year. I thought it was also the same way that students could nominate their supervisors to get supervisor of the year too, because I think it was a nice extra step to be able to recognize the hard work and achievements that certain students

and supervisors do here.”

During the week, students could also participate in a scavenger hunt on campus. If students participated in the scavenger hunt and completed it, they were then entered to win a drawing for two large prizes. The first prize was a gift card to Miguel’s Restaurant in Bangor, while the other was a gift basket from The Avenue apartment complex. All of the prizes that were given out were donated from local businesses in the area.

“The purpose behind it

[the scavenger hunt] was that we selected about six or seven different departments on campus where student employees work,” Hickernell said. “They’re departments that I don’t think people think about a lot that are on campus. So it’s really just to get students to those departments and check them out. We just want to get more people to get more awareness of the campus, as well as give away free prizes.”

“To see people’s faces, when we are giving out prizes or food to see that

we are recognizing their hard work, is probably the best thing about this week,” Melber said.

Roughly 3,000 students at UMaine are classified as student employees for departments at the university and they work in a diverse amount of fields. The OSE hopes that SERW will help the UMaine community continue to realize all of the hard work that students do to make this campus such a success.

“I think one of the stats we had in 2014, is that there were more student employ-

ees than actual regular employees,” Hickernell said. “Our student employees are working in every single department on campus, not just the campus rec, and athletics, and student affairs, but in administrative offices and academic labs, and I think that without that really important work that students are doing in those offices, important functions that the university has, wouldn’t be happening. I think that student employment is a very important foundational piece to the university structure.”

Famous poet Neil Hilborn performs original work for students at Memorial Union



Famous poet, Neil Hilborn, recites his poetry in front of a large audience in the North Pod on Friday, April 15. **Josh Fabel, Contributor**

Josh Fabel
Contributor

On the evening of April 15, famous poet Neil Hilborn performed in front of a large audience at the University of Maine’s Memorial Union.

According to the event’s Facebook page, Hilborn is a College National Poetry Slam Champion. In 2013 his poem, “OCD,” was featured

in news outlets such as The Huffington Post and National Public Radio (NPR). Since its release, the poem has gained popularity and has accumulated more than 10 million views on YouTube.

“I went to the spring slam a couple of weeks ago, and they said that he was coming, and I was like, ‘Oh who’s that?’” UMaine ecology and environmental sciences stu-

dent, Shireen Luick, said. “I looked him up, and he has that OCD poem that I have seen before and obviously it’s such a great poem.”

The event, which was presented by the UMaine Campus Activities Board (CAB) and the UMaine Office of Campus Activities and Student Engagement (CASE), started off with several UMaine students reading their lit-

erary work to the audience, ranging from poems that were recently written to pieces that have been published.

After the students read their pieces, Hilborn took the stage and performed for over an hour. He performed at UMaine two years ago, but still had plenty of energy to perform in front of the familiar crowd. He recited poems that were both old and new,

published and unpublished. Hilborn brought humor to topics from hipsters to the history of punk rock. The second half of the show, however, was more serious, and the poems dealt with darker material such as mental health, depression and anxiety.

“I wasn’t expecting him to be so funny,” Luick said. “Obviously some of his best poems are really intense,

hard-hitter sort of poems. It’s nice to see someone do the funny thing, but then be able to reel it in and then make you cry.”

“I liked how into it he was,” UMaine social work student, Casey Rogers, said. “You could just tell all of him was into it.”

After the performance was over, Hilborn stuck around the North Pod to talk to audience members. Hilborn brought his recent book, “Our Numbered Days,” which features his published poems. His book was available for purchase, as were posters. Many of the audience members purchased his book and waited in a long line patiently to get it signed, as well as take pictures and make conversation with Hilborn.

For those who couldn’t attend the poetry reading, “Our Numbered Days” is available for purchase online at button-poetry.com for \$15.

“I don’t write poetry myself, but I do like reading poetry and watching it online,” Rogers said. “It’s just kind of a nice break. It’s always refreshing, and it clears my mind.”

“Obviously at school you are constantly thinking about, especially as math and science majors, like numbers and labs, and stuff like that, and it’s nice to come something to like this and listen to a slam poem,” Luick said.

A Mainer Abroad: Whirlwind tour of Bulgaria



Writer Chloe Dyer and her friend stand in front of the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Chloe Dyer
Contributor

Over the weekend, my mom visited Bulgaria for a brief time. She was already

in Amsterdam, but she made her way to Eastern Europe. She had never been to Bulgaria or a country like this, and I forgot about the initial shock that comes upon entering Bul-

garia. Between the signs in the Cyrillic alphabet, the lack of English speakers, the communist apartment blocks and the different socioeconomic status, it is certainly quite dif-

ferent from the U.S. However, this also made me realize how much I have adapted and gotten used to things. I no longer find Bulgarian things, such as getting terrible service at a restaurant, the huge smoking culture or the fashion, to be strange. It is hard to believe that just three short months ago this was all new to me. It feels like I have been here a year.

I met my mom on Friday at the Grand Sofia Hotel, a five-star hotel. I got out of the hour-long taxi ride from Blagoevgrad, and stepped into the heart of Sofia. Our first destination was a free Sofia walking tour, which was two hours long and ran past sunset. However, we saw nearly every major sight in the city, ranging from the St. George’s Church, to the Presidency Headquarters, Roman ruins and a 16th Century mosque. Although the tour was two hours long, it still felt rushed, so we decided that we would go back and explore some places in more detail the next day. Before the tour we had eaten dinner outside at a table as most Bulgarians do at the restaurants. In Sofia, just as in Blagoevgrad, there is a pedestrian walking street with restaurants lining both sides with outdoor tables, and cigarette smoke everywhere. While it is annoying to have to breathe in smoke while consuming your food, I have grown accustomed to it.

My mom was also surprised to learn that in the hotel room, you cannot get electricity without inserting a room

key card into the light slot. I remembered this from another Bulgarian hotel I stayed at, and we solved the mystery of why none of the lights would turn on. In Sofia, they also charge many things in euros for tourists, such as the hotels and the shuttle rides, even though the whole country of Bulgaria uses the lev as a currency. The euro generates far more money. I warned my mom against using a taxi when she first arrived in Bulgaria, so she used the hotel shuttle, but they largely overcharged in euros.

On Saturday morning, we visited the outskirts of Sofia, in the village Boyana. We went to Boyana Church, a 10th Century church with layers of frescoes. The walls were all adorned with paintings of religious icons. We then visited Vitosha Mountain, which you are supposed to be able to hike up to. However, we were on a strict schedule with the taxi driver. We then wanted to try to take a chairlift up, which you can do, but he said that we would not have time. Then, I had probably the most Eastern European thing happen to me: the driver drove us up a very long road halfway up the mountain, and stopped at a crumbling, abandoned hotel on the mountainside. On the door, there were about five signs advertising that we needed to pay five leva (\$2.80) to go inside the abandoned hotel and out to a crumbling terrace filled with vines and overgrown plants, to see the view of Sofia down below. It was admittedly a very nice

view, and we were already so high up that if we had gone farther up in the gondolas we probably would not have been able to pick out any of the buildings down below.

After a very eventful and strange morning filled with pushy Bulgarian tour guides and taxi drivers, we were finally able to grab some lunch and see the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, arguably the most beautiful attraction in Sofia. After this, we visited St. George’s Church (also from the 10th Century) and the Russian Church with gold onion domes.

Sunday was the most jam-packed day. We had hired a Bulgarian tour guide, who drove us from Sofia to Rila Monastery early in the morning. This is the main attraction to see in Bulgaria, and while I have been to it once before, it was even better this time, with fewer crowds. This is also from the 10th Century. Bulgaria has an extremely old and fascinating history. After Rila, we drove to Melnik, the smallest village in Bulgaria, consisting of 200 people but one of the most popular tourist sights due to its location in the wine region. We ate at a traditional Bulgarian restaurant, toured a historic Bulgarian house, and did a wine-tasting at a beautiful winery in the mountains. Overall, the weekend was a whirlwind tour of Bulgaria, and definitely gave my mom a proper introduction to this strange but beautiful country.

March from A12

dent and co-lead organizer Alexis Higginbotham agrees.

“We have a narrative that [says] we have to go to college and it [says] that we have to take what we get . . . there’s no push or pull, and I think that’s really in-

validating,” Higginbotham said. “There are thousands of students on this campus . . . and so many are just scraping by to go here. I think that education is a right and you shouldn’t have to be living day to day with a zero balance in your checkbook.”

According to the Million Student March website, Americans share a total of

\$1.2 trillion in student debt, and 58 percent of that bottom line is held by the poorest 25 percent of Americans.

According Higginbotham, the accrue-ment of national student debt shows no signs of slowing down.

“It actually goes up \$2,000 each second. And it’s shocking,” Higginbotham said. “There’s no stopping it

unless we stop it.”

Dair Cruz, a first-year international relations student believes in the importance of the March.

“They’re protesting the monetary value of education and how it’s over-emphasized and how education . . . should be more of a right, because nowadays it’s a requirement for many jobs.”

Additionally, Cruz believes that the cost of education is particularly threatening to graduates from Maine.

“A lot of students that are attending the university are coming from . . . lower socioeconomic places. It’s hard to compete, not only amongst Mainers, but also [people from] other states for jobs and job opportunity,”

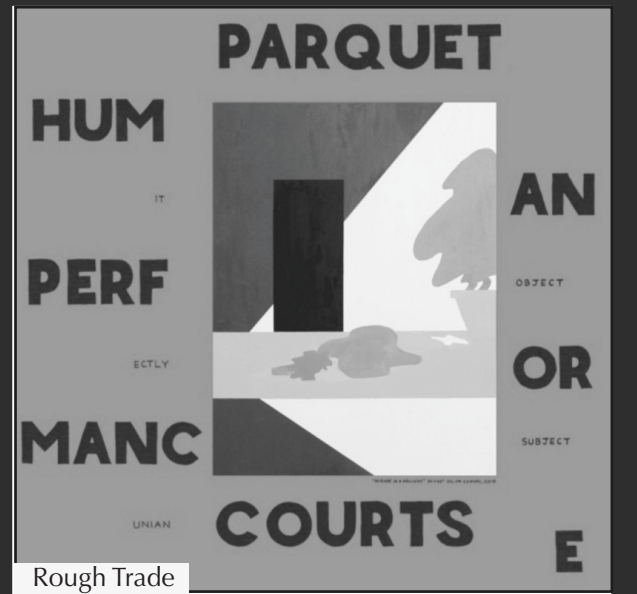
Cruz said. “If you’re not able to afford this, how are you able to compete in the long of your life, to be something greater?”

For more information on the Million Student March, visit their website at <http://studentmarch.org/>, or track the hashtags #MillionStudentMarch and #MillionStudentMarchME.

Reviews

MUSIC

Parquet Courts versatile and raw on ‘Human Performance’



Kurt Thiele
Contributor

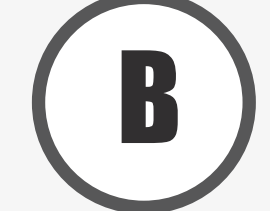
With their fifth studio album, Parquet Courts was able to successfully follow up their critically disappointing album, “Content Nausea,” with a solidly versatile, but staple-punk and mostly upbeat album in “Human Performance.”

Parquet Courts attracted attention for their new album by releasing three singles before its release, including the band’s track that first caught my ear: “Berlin Got Blurry,” a favorite of mine. The song perfectly encapsulates a punk sound with a western feel, mixed with modern-day lyrical discussions of cropping yourself out of pictures, as well as emailing (maybe not-so modern day?) On this new album, Parquet Courts is able to blend a classic punk style with a modern multifaceted approach, which features instruments such as the flute and xylophone. The album is littered with references to New York City, the home of the band; it reminds me of Lou Reed singing of 42nd Street in the Velvet Underground’s songs on their influential debut album, “The Velvet Underground & Nico.” These references coincide with instrumental parts of songs that remind me of 1960s Velvet Underground, which then mixes with the vocal similarities to Joe Strummer and The Clash.

The first track, “Already Dead” is only included on the digital copy of the album. This song, with a Mac Demarco style, sounds like a more upbeat and joyful Arctic Monkeys song. Like the majority of the songs on the album, this track includes interesting and top-notch guitar parts.

The album, at a very few specific points, does sound a bit gimmicky. However, the album’s title track is smooth and light. However, considering its softness, the production effects on the voice transform the song into a punk song, as does the powerful guitar patterns. The softness is continued in the next track, which also features chants that are sung

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in the background.

In the song “I Was Just Here,” it sounds as if the band is attempting, unsuccessfully, to sound like Beck. This, along with “Two Dead Cops,” is one of my least favorite tracks on the album.

“Paraphrased,” the first “purely” punk song on the album, in my opinion, is one of the song that the band is able to include their signature versatile sound. The track also includes great production, and is followed up by another solid track by the band, “Captive of the Sun.” This song, in the context of NYC, discusses the heavy themes of drug use, defeat and loss.

“Steady On My Mind” is perhaps the most melodic track on the album, understandably so as it serves as one of the only romantic songs on the album. The song features an attractive bass drum part that is not noticeable at first, but leaves the listener wondering how in the world the band came up with it. Lastly, the track is a solution of the perfect balance of instrumentation and vocals. In the same fashion, “One Man No City” is a similarly versatile song, instrumentation-wise. The song features guitar solos that sounds as if two guitar players are dueling for the most “classic punk” type of sound.

The album is perfectly concluded with two great songs, “Pathos Prairie” and “It’s Gunna Happen.” The first of the last two is lyrically complex, while also noticeably “bassy.” However, the track is followed up with an extremely melodic and slow song to conclude the album. The concluding track is wonderfully produced, as well as mellow, and ends the punk album in the band’s standard fashion: traditionally punk, but freshly versatile and raw.

Film

‘Hardcore Henry’ an insane, cybernetic beatdown



Nathaniel Trask
Staff Writer

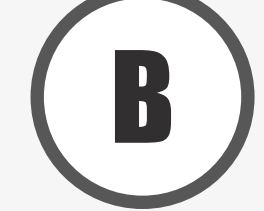
As movies go, only a small number have been shot from first-person point-of-view. You may recognize a few of them, too, like the 1999 found-footage horror flick “The Blair Witch Project” or the 2008 monster film “Cloverfield.” Other than this type of filmmaking, no movie has ever conceptualized what it’s like to step into another person’s shoes and see a world through an entirely different set of eyes. We certainly have the capability of mimicking such perceptions through the use of virtual reality headsets and first-person video games. The film industry has long abided by the principle that actors will do the acting and cameramen will do the filming, but no one has had the tenacity to ask, “What if we just stick a camera on somebody and see if we can make a film?”

Well, lucky for us, some people did just that.

In the film “Hardcore Henry,” you (the audience) are the main character Henry, a cyborg designed to kill (and he does oblige). All you can see in the frame are his arms, legs and other bits of his body that normal humans can see of themselves without aid of a mirror. You may think this must have been technologically challenging for the filmmakers, especially having to simulate Henry — or the audience — jumping over walls and gunning down bad guys, but all they did was attached a GoPro Hero 3 camera to a specially designed mask fixed on the wearer’s head. However, don’t be so keen as to try these stunts out for yourself.

After the pre-title and title sequences, “Hardcore Henry” dives right into the action and will immediately have you scrambling for information, and the viewer must really pay attention to what’s going on. From then on the story drops hints of Henry’s origin and purpose as a cybernetic killing machine, but there are always large gaps of desired information. Since the first-person filming technique lim-

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its abilities to narrate or provide greater context, it’s not hard to understand why writers had a difficult time trying to explain everything creatively. It’s also worth mentioning that Henry is not able to do this himself since he cannot speak. Other characters toyed with the idea of giving him speech abilities at the beginning of the film, but they were ultimately unable to do so.

Jimmy (Sharlto Copley), an ex-scientist who helped develop Henry and other cyborgs, was by far the most interesting and confusing character of the film. The character has multiple avatars, so at one point he could be a punk and the next he could be a cocaine-snorting playboy, but he can only operate one at a time. He’s still an underdeveloped character, however, and the story would’ve been better with more background information. The other interesting outside character is Akan (Danila Kozlovsky), a villainous human who has telekinetic powers for some unknown reason. A character could have dropped a subtle hint as to how or why Akan has telekinesis, but for the most part the reason remains hidden, and the ability becomes one of his most valuable, yet perilous, assets.

It’s safe to say that “Hardcore Henry” is the first movie of its kind to feature dizzying action from a first-person point-of-view, and it will have you jumping out of your seats like a rambunctious five-year-old. If its success picks up speed during its time in theaters, we could expect more films to be made in similar style. We’ll see if that trend comes to fruition, but if this isn’t the most adrenaline-pumping film of the year, then movie-goers are in for a wild ride for the rest of 2016.

RESTAURANT

Giacomo’s: Laidback with a sense of humor



Theresa Shortt
Contributor

Giacomo’s is a lot of things. It’s a coffee shop, a deli and an artisanal pizza place. It’s somewhere to have a casual date, to catch up on homework or to grab a quick breakfast. For those who live in downtown Bangor, it’s a reliable place to grab a carton of orange juice and a loaf of local chef Massimo Ranni’s bread. To everyone, though, it’s a staple of downtown Bangor.

Most of the wall space in Giacomo’s is taken up by large windows, but there’s one wall dedicated to a huge chalkboard displaying their many offerings of sandwiches, salads and pizzas.

The fenced-in outdoor seating is a nice location to enjoy lunch and a glass of wine on a summer day. It’s a place to find friendly conversation and to go people-watching. Inside, customers have the option of a small granite table or bar-style seating facing one of the many large windows overlooking the hustle and bustle of the city.

Above the deli case hangs a large mural by the late Orono artist Leon Treadwell. While local art in a downtown restaurant isn’t surprising, the content of the piece certainly is — a depiction of Bangor history, the shootout between the FBI and wanted gangsters Al Brady and his gang. It’s a well-done, but certainly graphic, piece that one could find out of place with the cheery atmosphere, but no one seems to mind.

With an eye on the mural, I ordered the prosciutto panini (\$9) a well-stuffed sandwich with thin sliced prosciutto, roma tomato, cucumber, peppadew pepper, onion, pea shoots and provolone on toasted ciabatta bread. The sandwich was served with a small bag of potato chips and a crisp mustard pickle, a nod to the restaurant’s deli roots. The veggies all tasted fresh and crisp, adding a variety of textures and flavors to a sandwich that would have been so-so without them.

Coffee is a big part of Giacomo’s. They offer Maine brewed coffee, and have their own well stocked espresso bar. To wash down

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my sandwich I tried a small iced chai latte, which was very well balanced: just sweet enough, but with no taste of cheap artificial sweeteners. This is a rich drink, though, and not one I’d recommend in a larger size. Combined with the topping of whipped cream, nutmeg and cinnamon, I almost didn’t have room for dessert.

Almost. I couldn’t resist treating myself to the peanut butter chocolate chunk cookie (\$2.55). The dessert was jam-packed with huge hunks of chocolate and peanut butter, better than just a candy bar. It’s something I can see myself making a trip to Giacomo’s for again. It was decadent and delicious, and I found myself thinking about the cookie long after my meal was over.

Giacomo’s certainly has a sense of humor. On one window a painting illustrating step-by-step instructions on how to parallel park a car faces the street. It’s a cheeky nod to another moment of downtown Bangor history, when nearly seven years ago a person backed their car into what used to be Top Shelf comics in a parallel parking gone wrong. The cheerful service and upbeat ’80s playlist reflects the light-hearted ambience.

Customers also look forward to tipping their servers. Next to the register is a sign asking customers “Are Eyebrows Considered Facial Hair?” with two cups, one marked “yes” and the other “no” next to a sign reading “tip your answer.” For the record, “yes” was noticeably more popular.

If you find yourself looking for breakfast or lunch in downtown Bangor and are seeking out a laidback yet finely crafted experience at a mid-level price, consider checking out Giacomo’s. Between the food and the atmosphere, it’s become an essential part of the downtown experience for a reason.



Please drink responsibly

Gallery from A12

ed.”

Although the exhibition was open to students of all majors, the UMaine Department of Art had many student entrants from their program.

The department offers a bachelor of arts in History of Art, Art Education and Studio Art and a bachelor of fine arts in Studio Art. The department also offers minors in Graphic Design, Studio Art and Art History and is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Arts and Design.

FEATURED STORY

“Neil Hilborn”

Famous poet performs original work for crowd, student poets

A10

NEW AND UPCOMING RELEASES

🕒 Graham Nash, <i>This Path Tonight</i>	April 15
🕒 A\$AP Ferg, <i>Always Strive and Prosper</i>	April 22
🕒 We Are Scientists, <i>Helter Seltzer</i>	April 22
🎬 <i>Barbershop: The Next Cut</i> (in theaters)	April 15
🎬 <i>The Jungle Book</i> (in theaters)	April 15
🎬 <i>The Huntsman: Winter's War</i> (in theaters)	April 22

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Giacomo’s in Bangor 🍷

A11

Million Student March unites UMaine students for ‘Political Revolution’



Students protest high tuition costs outside of Fogler Library on Wednesday, April 13, joining campuses across the nation in the Million Student March.

Taryn Carrie Lane
Contributor

This past Wednesday, about 20 University of Maine students could be seen marching around the University Mall, touting large posters, and angrily shouting “This debt is bananas!

B-A-N-A-N-A-S.” Their homemade signs read “I’m a student in debt, where’s my bailout?” and “imagine your future without debt.” Winding speeches were riddled with facts and figures, including skyrocketing interest rates and individual ac-

cruement of student debt. This was the first Million Student March to take place on the UMaine campus. According to their website, the Million Student March movement is a “Political Revolution in the streets,” citing four demands: tuition-free public college, cancellation of all student

debt, a \$15 minimum wage for all campus workers and divestment from private prisons by all colleges and universities. Marches are held nationwide, and April 13, the day of the March on the UMaine campus, happened to be the second National Day of Ac-

tion. Carissa Tinker, a graduate student and lead organizer of Maine Student Action, planned the event. “What we’re doing is mobilizing students across the entire state to work together on progressive campaigns for social change in Maine,” Tinker said. According to Tinker, this was the first ever Million Student March held in Maine. “We are told our entire lives that if you want to be successful you have to get an education . . . basically we’re told that if we don’t go to college, we’re worth poverty level wages,” Tinker said. “That’s just not right. And we’re told [all of] that with the assumption that college is accessible to everyone, and it’s not.” Leah Turlo, second-year political science student and co-lead organizer, believes the March is important for another reason. “I think it [the Million Student March] gives students a voice. We’re not typically allowed to speak out against things,” Turlo said. First-year marketing stu-

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go!

What’s happening in and around Orono this week

Wednesday, April 20

Healthy High 5k/10K and 1 mile Fun Run
4:20 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.
\$5-25, registration on Campus Rec website

Thursday, April 21

Jazz Ensemble
7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall
\$9-25, or free with student MaineCard

Friday, April 22

Earthfest 2016: Music on the Mall
10 a.m. — 5 p.m.
University Mall
Free, hosted by College Democrats and Green Team

Works of art by all students on display in Lord Hall Gallery

Nathaniel Trask
Staff Writer

From now until May 6, the University of Maine’s Lord Hall Gallery, located in Lord Hall on the school’s campus, will be hosting “From the Studio/2016 Annual Juried Student Exhibition,” an art exhibition that is designed to give local students a chance to display their creative work. Students of all majors displayed their finest pieces of two-dimensional and three-dimensional art. Many of the pieces were painted or drawn on acrylic canvas and had a variety of different themes. The 3-D art included laser-etched wood pieces, ceramic sculptures and figurines and wire structures. “The intent was to challenge myself but I underestimated the difficulty

maintaining a high level of craftsmanship on such a large piece,” second-year mechanical engineering student Mason Chant said. Chant, who is also minoring in studio art, built a functioning clock out of wood and aluminum called “Curving Through Time.” “In the past I had always done more traditional woodworking so I was looking for a challenge,” Chant said. “My friend Chris Emery suggested a small desk clock so I scaled up his idea and decided on a curved design to test my woodworking skills.” Shannon Scarlett, a fifth-year psychology and studio art student, and McKenzie Thibeault, a fourth-year studio art student, who were featured earlier in 2016 in the senior art exhibition “Ghosts of Carnegie Hall,” also had pieces on display.

“The process of jurying the works isn’t something we get to see directly,” third-year mathematics student Samantha Bullard, said, “But that didn’t make it any less nerve-wracking.” According to Bullard, judges selected 60 of the best pieces from about 300 submissions. “I had to bring my artwork properly framed into the gallery, fill out a form for it and then leave it there for a few nights while the jurors looked over all the pieces. For two days all of us had to wait anxiously for our fates to be determined, and then after the selections had been made, they blocked off all the chosen works and left the other part of the gallery open for the rejected works to be placed for pick up.” Bullard’s selected piece, drawn using India ink on a piece of Bristol board, is ti-



Works of art created by students of all majors sit on display in the Lord Hall Gallery on the University of Maine campus.

Zack Davis, Contributor

tled “Falling on Strings,” and it depicts a woman falling from the sky with strings attached to her limbs. “It really is a great feel-

ing seeing all the pieces in this year’s exhibition,” Chant said. “I know that ... the judges were more selective this year than they have been in

years past so I am very honored to have my work includ-

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Annual Student Employment Recognition Week recognizes students’ hard work outside of the classroom

Josh Fabel
Contributor

This past week, the University of Maine’s Office of Student Employment (OSE) hosted Student Employment Recognition Week (SERW) in honor of UMaine students who work in addition to taking classes.

According to the OSE webpage, SERW is an annual event that has been held every second week of April since 1989. The National Association of Student Employment Administrators is the organization that created the week, and has implemented it in colleges all across the country. “Student Employment

Recognition Week is really just to recognize and thank all the student employees who work on or off campus because it’s kind of a big deal for students to be attending school and working at the same time,” Job Locator and Development Coordinator of the OSE, Jessica Hickernell, said. “It’s a lot to juggle, so it’s

really important we feel, to recognize that hard work and commitment that students have to try to make money and attend school at the same time.” “This week is the greatest thing to me because a lot of students do work really hard on this campus, and a lot of what goes on around this campus can’t be done

without student workers,” Student Administrative Aide of the OSE, Victoria Melber, said. “So to just have a week to recognize, especially their hard work with going to school and working at the same time and making sure everything on this campus is done the way it’s supposed to be and in a very nice and quick

manner, is really nice.” The week started off on Monday during lunch with a “Best Pizza in Town,” competition. At the competition, students were given free samples from Pat’s Pizza, Angelo’s Pizzeria, Freshies Deli, Alltown Market and Papa John’s.

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Sports

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UMAINE RESULTS



TRACK AND FIELD

Maine competes at UNH

Both teams traveled to rival UNH, falling in a meet with three teams

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4/13	Baseball vs. Thomas College	Win	8-4
4/16	Baseball vs. UMBC	Loss	3-1
	Softball vs. Binghamton	Win	3-0
	Baseball vs. UMBC	Win	6-3
4/17	Softball vs. Binghamton	Win	2-1
	Baseball vs. UMBC	Win	7-5

Conference scores, standings and upcoming schedule on B4

BASEBALL

Casals stellar start

First-year Danny Casals has impressed in his first season

B3



Baseball stabilizing after early season woes

Timothy Rocha
Staff Writer

Coughing up a trio of late runs that tied the game, it looked like Maine's baseball team was on the verge of losing to the Thomas College Terriers on Wednesday. The Black Bears refused to melt under the pressure, scoring four straight runs in the eighth inning to win it 8-4.

With their third straight win, Maine raised their record to 8-22. Thomas on the other hand, fell to 10-11 after the loss. Despite playing against a division three team, Maine approached the game like any other.

"I think today we didn't play our best," Head Coach Steve Trimper said. "We scored early and then let some things slip by. We didn't get the big hits here and there, but no matter who we are playing, we've got to try to win those games."

First-year outfielder Colin Ridley had a solid game for the Black Bears. He took four trips up to bat, grabbing two hits and two runs. Fourth-year infielder Brett Chappell had two hits, batted in two players and scored a run in his four trips up to the plate. With a solid outing from expe-

rienced players like Chappell, fourth-year first baseman Brenden Geary and third-year outfielder Tyler Schwanz, it's clear that the upperclassmen are leaving their recent slump.

"I like the way the upperclassmen are swinging the last three or four games," Trimper said. "We can't always rely on the three freshman that are obviously good players in (Danny) Casals, (Jeremy) Pena and Ridley, but they can't carry the team on their shoulders. It has to be a team atmosphere up and down the lineup for us to have a chance to win it."

It wasn't a memorable day pitching for either team. Fourth-year pitcher Isaiah Fleming received the start for Thomas. He allowed two hits and two runs before getting replaced by second-year pitcher Matt Rutherford in the second inning. Though he earned three saves in his three innings of action, second-year pitcher Jonah Normandeau gave away three hits and one run for Maine.

The Terriers took the initial lead at the top of the first. On his opening swing, fourth-year outfielder Anree Benitez struck a single, and then managed to steal



Maine topped Thomas College and won two of three contests against UMBC over the weekend.

Kyah Lucky, Contributor

second base moments later. Benitez made it to third when second-year first baseman Derek Kane forced a walk. First-year outfielder Zach Mathieu earned a fielder's choice, making the trip home for Benitez all too easy. With the single run, the Terriers grabbed the 1-0 advantage.

It didn't take long for the Black Bears to snatch the lead, as they scored two runs at the bottom of the first. First-year infielder Danny Casals forced a walk, before stealing second base. On a passed ball, Casals once again found the opportunity to steal third. Ridley then doubled, letting Casals

complete his trip around the diamond. A hit from Geary gave Ridley a chance to tally a run of his own. With the pair of scores, the Black Bears took the 2-1 lead.

Maine refused to slow down at the bottom of the third. Ridley singled to right field, before a ground ball from Schwanz allowed

Ridley to grab second base. Geary walked, letting both players take a step closer to home plate. Then, Chappell struck a double, getting both Ridley and Schwanz to finish their runs. The pair of scores advanced Maine's lead to 4-1.

See **Baseball** on B2

Martin's unorthodox approach helps him succeed in high jump and relays

Jake Leithiser
Contributor

Fourth-year athlete Tyler Martin doesn't look like your typical high jumper when going over the bar. He's a couple inches shorter than much of his competition at large meets, and his form over the bar can only be described as "unorthodox".

Despite that, Martin has experienced plenty of success in the event, culminating in a personal best jump

of 2.02 meters last week at the University of New Hampshire, a height that qualifies him for the IC4A championship meet in May.

Martin never would have predicted his success in track when he first started ten years ago. His career began rather innocuously, and he viewed track as more of something to fill time.

"I started track because I hated standing around in baseball and didn't understand lacrosse," Martin said.

The first event he tried

when switching to track was high jump, and it's something he's stuck with ever since.

"I really just liked the idea of seeing how high I could jump," Martin said.

Martin spent his first two years on the track team focusing solely on high jump and trying to hone his technique in the event. Yet, despite his love for high jump, he found himself missing the running events that he competed in throughout high school. Starting last year,

he made a concerted effort to do some sprint training in addition to his jumping in an attempt to gain a spot on one of the team's relays.

His hard work paid off when he was picked to run one of the 200-meter legs on the sprint medley relay at the Penn Relays. The team subsequently broke the school record in the event, boosted by a strong leg from Martin.

Not only will Martin be assuming one of the 200-meter legs in the sprint medley again this year, but

he's also transitioned to holding down the important anchor leg on the 4x400 relay team and is also running in the 4x100 relay.

Martin sees a clear distinction between his preparation for high jump versus the running events he participates in.

"For races I just try to get fired up and ready to compete," Martin said. "For high jump I treat every jump as an opportunity to do something special. Because there's no set time limit or

predetermined number of jumps, it's crucial that I stay focused and collected because the higher the bar goes up the more dialed in I need to be."

Martin was dialed in last weekend, soaring over the IC4A qualifying height on his first attempt. It's the first time Martin has qualified for IC4A's in the high jump, and he ranks it as his favorite track moment to date.

"I was having a great day

See **Martin** on B5

Softball stuffs conference leading Bearcats



Maine won two of three games against Binghamton.

Kyah Lucky, Staff

Spencer Bergholtz
Staff Writer

The University of Maine softball team lost on the road to the Harvard Crim-

son 10-7 on Thursday afternoon. It didn't look good early for Maine as they found themselves down by five runs early on before battling back to make it a

close battle.

Third-year first basemen Rachel Harvey led the high-powered Black Bears offense on Thursday by going 3-for-4 with a run

scored. This was Harvey's second consecutive game with three hits. Second-year center fielder Rachel Carlson and fourth-year catcher Janelle Bouchard each drove in a pair of runs for Maine despite both going just 1-for-4 on the afternoon. Second-year right fielder Erika Leonard did her job at the leadoff spot going 2-for-4 at the plate with one RBI and a run scored.

Harvard came out of the gates swinging a hot bat, getting out to an early head start and never looking back. The Crimson plated five quick runs in the first two innings of the game, jumping out to an overwhelming 5-0 lead. Maine wasn't phased and chipped away in the top of the third with a couple of runs, cutting the deficit to 5-2. Harvard's bats were back at it

again in the bottom of the third by scoring another three runs to extend their lead to 8-2.

In the top of the fourth Maine's offense finally woke up and scored five runs to chop the lead down to just one run. First-year designated hitter Maddie Decker got it started with an RBI single that scored Harvey, followed by second-year infielder Kristen Niland hitting a deep sac-fly to center that scored third-year shortstop Felicia Lennon.

Next, Leonard then singled to bring in third-year pinch runner Chloe Douglass for the third Maine run of the inning. Bouchard capped off the inning with a two-run double to left field that scored Leonard and first-year second basemen Meghan Royal. Maine was down just 8-7 following

the top of the fourth, unfortunately it was as close as the Black Bears would get. Maine was held scoreless the rest of the way and Harvard scored one run in both the bottom of the fifth and sixth inning to propel them to a 10-7 victory.

Maine is looking to get back in the win column when they return home on Saturday, April 16 for a doubleheader against Binghamton that is set for a noon start.

Maine falls in first half of doubleheader

The UMaine softball team played host to the first place Binghamton Bearcats on Saturday afternoon and dropped a 7-3 decision in game one of the doubleheader. Binghamton came into the contest at 6-0 in America East action.

See **Softball** on B6

Baseball from B1

At the top of the sixth, Thomas began their rally back. Fourth-year short-stop Nik Beeson singled, before second-year third baseman Michael De Los Santos walked, letting Beeson get to second base. With a ground ball from second-year outfielder Curran Quinlan, Beeson reached third. Finally, a single from second-year infielder Tristan Pena brought Beeson through home plate, lowering Maine’s advantage to 4-2.

The Terriers managed to tie it up at the top of the seventh. Benitez singled to left field, before Kane doubled. With Benitez on third base, Mathieu once again reached on a fielder’s choice, giving Benitez the opportunity to cap off his run. A hit from Beeson then brought Kane through home, knotting the game up at 4-4.

With the game on the line, the Black Bears came through when it mattered most. At the bottom of the eighth, Schwanz singled to left field. Moments later, Geary doubled, putting himself and Schwanz in an optimal scoring position. A throwing error from the Terriers’ second baseman allowed Schwanz to score his run. A bunt and a fielder’s choice then brought Geary through home plate. Later on, Chappell managed to finish a run when second-year infielder Caleb Kerbs hit a fly ball. Then, another fly ball over center field from first-year infielder Jeremy Pena allowed third-year outfielder Jake Osborne to score the inning’s fourth run. At the end of eight, the Black Bears held the commanding lead, and after the Terriers had no hits in the ninth, Maine held on to win it 8-4. Despite Thomas’ statues as a division three team, Maine looked at this as just another win.

“We finally got something going; we’ve got a couple games in a row. They’re a tough team to beat because it’s not something we’re use to, the velocity is different, there are a lot of different things that go on,” Casals said. “It was good to have a win and get something going into a conference weekend.”

Baseball splits doubleheader with UMBC

In the second game of their Saturday doubleheader, Maine was three outs away from sweeping Uni-

veristy of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). Instead, second-year pitcher John Arel threw a slider which was knocked out of the park, giving the Retrievers the 3-1 victory. In the first game, the Black Bears scored five runs in the second inning to win the contest 6-3.

The split home doubleheader left Maine at 9-23 on the year, with a 1-6 record in America East games. UMBC advanced to 16-15 overall, with a 6-4 mark within their conference.

In the first game, Maine finally won their first conference matchup of the season when they beat the Retrievers 6-3.

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“The last two weeks we’ve really started to come back together how we were the first two or three weeks of the season,” Chappell said.

Baseball Loses to UMBC 3-1

Though they held a one-run lead heading into the final inning of the second game, the Black Bears watched helplessly as a home run from third-year first baseman Connor Hax ended any chance of Maine

sweeping Saturday’s doubleheader. With a trio of runs in the seventh inning, the Retrievers snatched the victory from the Black Bears, 3-1.

Chappell had a solid game, stepping up to bat three times, while getting Maine’s only run of the day. Behind him, no Black Bears tallied more than just a single hit. For UMBC, Hax ended the day with a hit and a run, while batting in two other runners with his homerun. Wright made the most of his three trips to the plate, accumulating a pair of hits and a run. The Retrievers also narrowly out hit the Black Bears 7-5 in the contest.

Arel received the start on the mound for Maine. He played all seven innings, forcing four strikeouts, while also giving up seven hits and three runs. Outside of one bad throw, he played very well throughout the game. UMBC elected to go with fourth-year pitcher Conrad Wozniak. During the seven innings, he struck out nine different batters, while only allowing five hits and a single run. At the end of the day, the game was decided by each team’s pitching.

“You basically locked up two very good pitchers,” Trimper said. “There’s the conference’s pitcher of the year last year and then John (Arel) went toe to toe. Their guy made one bad pitch, our guy made one bad pitch. That’s what it came down to.”

After three scoreless innings, the Black Bears took the lead at the bottom of the fourth. Chappell stepped up to the plate and slung Wozniak’s first pitch of the inning over the fence. However, the home run came with bases empty, giving Maine the initial 1-0 advantage. Wozniak played the whole game throwing an assortment of different pitches, which limited Maine’s hitting abilities.

“He really kept everyone on their toes. Like for me, he got me a few times guessing, once at bat I guessed right, but other than that all day he shut us down,” Chappell said.

The Retrievers fought back at the top of the seventh, scoring a trio of runs to steal the victory from the Black Bears. It began when Casali singled up the middle. Then Wright hit a single over third base, allowing Casali to steal second. With two runners on bases, Hax stepped up to the plate. Arel went to throw a slider, but

the pitch just wasn’t executed well enough. Hax struck a homerun on the ball, getting himself, Wright and Casali through home plate. The home run gave UMBC the go ahead 3-1 advantage over Maine. After the game, Arel reflected on the game ending pitch.

“It was a good call for a pitch, I just didn’t bury it,” Arel said. “It was a bad pitch by me, just left it up there for him to hit. He just took advantage of it.”

At the bottom of the seventh, the Black Bears needed to play perfectly to comeback, but their offense struggled. Geary fouled out to first base, and then Osborne struck out swinging. With two outs, Kerbs struck a ball straight into the pitcher’s mitt, marking the third and final out, and preserving the Retrievers’ 3-1 victory. After the game, the Black Bears acknowledged that they struggled to get effective hits.

“You can’t do it every game,” Chappell said. “It’s not like every time we came up, we struck out. I think we hit the ball hard, we put the ball in play, it was just right to someone.”

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Track and Field teams put together successful meet in New Hampshire

Lance Lajoie
Staff Writer

The University of Maine Men and Women's Track and Field teams took part in the Wildcat Invitational hosted by the University of New Hampshire (UNH) in Durham, N.H. on Saturday. Joining the Black Bears and Wildcats were the Bates College Bobcats of Lewiston, Maine and the Lesley University Lynx of Cambridge, Mass.

In the women's meet, UNH held off Maine to take first place for the second time in as many weeks. The final point totals were UNH with 209, Maine with 193, Bates with 168 and Lesley with 16.

The Black Bears were paced by eight first place finishes, two of which were school records set by fourth-year Robyn McFetters in the hammer throw and fourth-year Jaclyn Masters in the pole vault. McFetters, who now holds the top four distances in UMaine history, increased her personal best to 61.09 meters."Breaking 60 meters and 200 feet have both been barriers for me, so I'm glad that I beat both of those with one throw today," McFetters explained. That mark currently ranks her ninth in the East region and 17th in the nation. The top 48 performers from each event from both regions (East and West) move on to compete in the NCAA regionals, with the top 12 from each regional meet qualifying for nationals. While McFetters' mark is a near lock to qualify for regionals, she's far from satisfied. "I will definitely try to keep throwing further," McFetters said. "By regionals, I would like to break 62 or 63 [meters]."

Masters eclipsed the 4.02-meter mark in the pole vault in her record setting performance. Masters previously held the school record

at 3.76 meters, set in last year's outdoor season. She currently ranks 29th in the East region.

Masters and McFetters weren't the only ones who performed well on Saturday. Third-year Ashley Donohoe continued her dominance in the shot put taking first place with a heave of 12.42 meters.

Third-year Teal Jackson shined again in the 400-meter for the Black Bears, taking first place with a time of 56.94. Jackson and her 4x100-meter relay team also picked up the win with a time of 47.93. Jackson's teammates in the relay include second-year Ariel Clachar, Masters and first-year Lauren Magnuson. The current school record in the women's 4x100-meter relay is 46.65, set back in 2010 by Allyson Howatt, Cearha Miller, Jillian O'Brien and Jesse Labreck. The last time this year's 4x100 team ran together was during Maine's opening meet two weeks ago. In that meet they were clocked at 48.59. If they can continue to make that kind of progress, they have a significant shot at breaking the school record.

Second-year Kaitlin Saulter picked up another win in the 800-meter, completing the event in 2:15.25. Saulter was also the third leg of the 4x400-meter relay team that placed first with a time of 3:59.25. Saulter was joined by third-year Kelsey Maxim, and second-years Grace Macura and Alexis Dietrich.

The other UMaine individual victory was Clachar in the long jump (5.67 meters).

The Black Bears were well represented on the podium, picking up a handful of second and third place finishes as well. Maxim took second in the 800 meters (2:18.02), third-year Grace MacLean, who is currently on pace to qualify for regionals in the heptathlon, finished



Maine's women's team finishes just 16 points behind UNH.

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second in the 100-meter hurdles (14.59). First-year Abigail Weigang picked up a third place finish in the 100-meter hurdles (15.46) as well as a second place finish in the 400-meter hurdles (1:05.07). First-year Lucia Guarnieri placed third in the triple jump with a mark of 10.80 meters. The Black Bears received a hefty contribution from their contingent of throwers as second-year Rachel Bergeron took second in the discus (36.53 meters), third in the shot put (11.43 meters) and third in the hammer throw (47.92 meters). Fourth-year Emily Boardman rounded out the top three in the hammer throw, picking up second with a toss of 50.88 meters. Second-year Brianna DeGone secured third in the javelin throw with a mark of 34.20 meters.

Leithiser shines but Maine settles for disappointing third place

In the men's meet, the Black Bears took third place

with 168 points. UNH finished first overall, picking up 197 points on the day. A bit of a surprise was Bates, who finished second with 194 points, nearly edging out UNH. Lesley picked up 11 points to finish fourth.

The Black Bears picked up eight individual victories on the day.

Fourth-year Jake Leithiser continued his impressive spring season, picking up wins in the 200-meter (22.50), the 400-meter (48.41) and as member of the 4x400 relay team which includes first-year Tucker Corbett and fourth-years Michael Lucas and Tyler Martin. Martin, who anchors the relay team, crossed the line at 3:21.40 to secure the victory. Lucas added a victory in the 400-meter hurdles (55.82) as well.

Third-years Jesse Orach and Levi Frye continued their distance success. Orach took first in the 3,000-meter with a time of 8:37.82. Frye was

victorious in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, crossing the finish line in 9:34.19.

In the field events, Martin and third-year Asaad Hicks tied for first place in the high jump with both men clearing 2.03 meters. Fourth-year Julian Hubbard took first in the long jump with a mark of 6.41 meters. Second-year Steven Longfellow finished second in the triple jump (12.77 meters). Third-year Jeremy Frantz grabbed third place in the shot put (14.79 meters), and fourth-year Shane Corbett picked up a second place finish in the discus (47.06 meters).

Other notable track finishes for the Black Bears include second place finishes by second-year Joshua Horne in the 3,000-meter (8:49.80), second-year Isaac Yeboah in the 400-meter hurdles (56.28) and first-year Simon Powhida in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (9:42.41). Third place finishes included first-year Aaron Willingham in

the 1,500-meter (4:04.63), second-year Elijah Yeboah in the 400-meter hurdles (56.72), and Justin Tracy in the 3,000-meter (8:53.68).

It will be a busy week for both the men and women's teams as they have the Holy Cross Multi scheduled for April 20-21 in Worcester, Mass. There will be a split meet on April 23 with the men and women's teams sending select representatives to the LSU Alumni Gold Invitational in Baton Rouge, La., while the rest of the teams will compete at Holy Cross. This is an important week for the track and field team as it's the last week before the Penn Relays, which are scheduled for April 28. The Penn Relays showcase some of the nation's best talent and is often the site for many track and field athletes' best performances of the season, and often, their career. It's a date that's circled on nearly every calendar in the track and field community.

Standout Casals makes big impact for baseball

Timothy Rocha
Staff Writer

Every few years, a rare athletic talent comes to join the Black Bears. For Maine's baseball team, first-year infielder Danny Casals is that special player. While a lot of the team has been struggling through their 9-23 season, Casals has found a way to flourish. Though he may be new to Maine's program, he has all the talent and leadership to one day take the Black Bears to great heights.

"I've recruited many ball players over 24 years, and I thought Danny was going to be a special player," Head Coach Steve Trimper said. "He has all the capabilities of hitting, hitting with power, he can run and he can throw."

Casals' baseball journey began at the age of three, where he experienced a family-wide love for the sport. Growing up, he watched both his brother and sister play at the college level, while his father played in the minor leagues. After attending high school in Miami, Casals was persuaded to take his talents to Maine by both Trimper and first-year pitcher Nick Silva.

"I fell in love with the coaching staff," Casals said. "My roommate is also from my high school, Nick Silva, he was coming over here so I decided if I come this far, I have to come with a friend."

Despite being new to the

team, Casals wasted no time proving to the coaching staff that they made a great choice. As a result of his performance in Maine's first three game series against Clemson, Casals earned his first America East Rookie of the Week honors. Shortly later, he recorded a four-run game against New Mexico State on Feb. 28. Within no time, Casals was leaving his mark on the team and working his way up the batting order.

"You never really picture it like this, but you always want to come out and compete and try to do the best that you can. I mean, I believe in my ability and I know I can be successful, but it's always nice to see the results," Casals said.

While most of the team has been struggling with batting this season, Casals has been the bearer of consistency, tallying at least one hit in 28 of his first 32 games. In addition, he leads the team with 39 hits along with 21 runs, while boasting the team's second best batting average at .325. Using his speed and ability, he has also shown a knack for stealing bases, as he currently has notched 10 steals this year. Defensively, Casals has forced 28 outs, while accumulating 56 assists. Though he has seen so much personal success, Casals' focus remains on what the team can accomplish, and his expectations are high.

"We have got to win conference championships, multi-

ple, that's what we're here for. Individual accolades are fun, but the ones that we remember the most are the ones where the team wins championships, and we get out to regionals and make a run into the playoffs," Casals said.

Though the team is facing difficulties right now, it's entirely possible that Casals can help lead the team to the playoffs in the near future. With a young nucleus that includes Casals, first-year outfielder Colin Ridley and first-year infielder Jeremy Pena, there's no shortage of young talent. With so much ability, there needs to be a player that can step up to guide the team, and that may just be a role Casals can fill.

"The other thing is that (Casals) is a true leader, like he really doesn't like to lose. If you're around us everyday, you watch him command the club house as a freshman, that's the most impressive thing that you can't see unless you're a coach," Trimper said.

Currently, Casals is studying mass communications in the hopes of being a sports broadcaster after college. But with three great years ahead of him, all eyes will be on Casals' career as he has the opportunity to develop into the face of Maine's baseball program.

"I think that bond that he has with the team, and the coaching staff is just going to continue to grow as he goes through a very good career here at Maine," Trimper said.

Flowers leads softball

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The University of Maine Black Bears softball team has a short but well-rounded pitching staff this season. Black Bears Head Coach Mike Coutts features just a three-player rotation that consists of second-year pitchers Molly Flowers and Annie Kennedy, along with third-year pitcher Erin Bogdanovich. Each of these three pitchers throw a lot of innings on the mound and embrace their roles on the team.

"This year, they all know they are going to pitch a lot. All of them have gone in and done a good job at different times. We haven't relied on one person to carry us, they've all had a role in what we are doing here," Coutts said.

Of the three-featured starting pitchers, it is Flowers who receives the most work. Flowers has already hurled in 18 games this season, 15 of those appearances being starts for 73.2 total innings pitched in total thus far for the Black Bears. She credits her sports performance Coach Jon Lynch for her level of stamina and consistent productivity this season.

"Coach Lynch has conditioned us to the point where throwing as many innings as I have is easy. We have also worked on mental toughness a lot this year, focusing on one pitch at a time, and doing that has prepared me for everything that has been thrown at me," Flowers said.

Flowers hasn't only pitched a lot, she has been absolutely

phenomenal for Coutts and her teammates. Flowers has thrown two no-hitters already this year. She is leading the America East in both strikeouts and opponents batting average. In the strikeouts department, she is leading by a landslide with 100 strikeouts, and opposing batting averages against her are a dismal .176.

Her record on the season is 8-8 with a 2.95 ERA. Though she has been great this year, she is very quick to admit that her fellow pitching staff members and teammates play a huge role in the success.

"We are a staff, and each of us being very different has allowed for the success of the team. I've used the strength of my offense and defense to be able to pitch that amount with the success I've had. Without them I wouldn't have been able to pitch so many innings," Flowers said.

Bogdanovich has also been extremely effective this year for the Black Bears. She is second behind Flowers on the team in innings pitched with 62.1 total innings in 17 appearances and 10 starts. Bogdanovich carries a 4-4 record with a 4.16 ERA and 29 strikeouts. Bogdanovich feels that it is the overall chemistry and togetherness of the team and pitching staff that drives her to get better everyday.

"This year, I have enjoyed the team chemistry the most. It's awesome going to practice everyday and loving the people around you. Everyone has each others back on and off the field. We have great chemistry

as a whole team. Our pitching staff is very close, we are all extremely supportive of each other and always pushing one another to be better," Bogdanovich said.

Finally, Kennedy has appeared in 16 games this year and started six of them. She has the best ERA on the staff at 2.63 and the only one with a winning record. In 53.1 innings pitched this year, Kennedy is 4-3 with 29 strikeouts and just eight walks. She also has the lone Black Bears save this season. Kennedy believes the success of the pitching staff as of late is from hard work in the offseason and learning how to battle through adversity.

"Our teams pitching success has come from having a positive mindset. We have worked so hard in the offseason, lifting weights and working on mechanics. Now, when we step onto the field we trust our training and have confidence that we will be successful. We also have learned to work through adversity. We know people are going to get hits sometimes, but by not getting down on ourselves and working through innings where we have runners on base, we keep our team in the game," Kennedy said.

The Black Bears have a great thing going with their pitching staff and it will only get better in years to come. With all of this season's staff returning next year, the Black Bears will be a dangerous team next season. However, do not be surprised if this talented bunch propels them to a deep playoff run.

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Sandoval’s injuries and weight issues pose serious troubles for Boston’s lineup

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When the Boston Red Sox signed former San Francisco Giants third baseman Pablo Sandoval to a five-year, \$95 million contract in November 2014, they thought their gaping hole at the hot corner would be filled. Looking back, why wouldn’t they? After the abysmal 2014 season that Will Middlebrooks put up, third base was Boston’s primary focus during the off-season. By inking a third baseman, the Red Sox could move prized prospect Xander Bogaerts back to his natural short-stop position.

Sandoval, who was 28 at the time of the signing, had spent his entire seven-year MLB career in San Francisco. His tenure as a Giant was highlighted by three World

Series victories (2010, 2012 and 2014). Sandoval was named World Series MVP in 2012. In 167 post-season plate appearances, Sandoval had a career .344/.389/.545 slash line. With all that being said, the Fenway Faithful had every reason to be licking their chops in anticipation of the 2015 season.

What once looked like the piece the Red Sox needed to return to title contender status, now looks like one of the worst signings in Boston sports history. The first red flag was when Sandoval reported to 2015 Spring Training looking noticeably larger than normal. Now Sandoval has never been a thin guy, but it was evident he had put on some major poundage. A popular photo circulated around the internet of Sandoval’s gut hanging out of his

shirt. Sandoval went on to post a career low slash line of .245/.292/.366 and his 10 home runs and 47 RBIs were the lowest since his rookie year. In addition to his offensive struggles, Sandoval was statistically the worst defensive third baseman in the entire league. Now if the on-field performance wasn’t bad enough, Sandoval also spent a fair amount of time on the disabled list (DL) and was suspended one game when he was caught liking photos on Instagram during the seventh inning of a Red Sox game in which he was in the lineup for. Sandoval admitted to going to the bathroom during the game and taking his phone with him.

After the 2015 campaign’s disappointing last place finish, Red Sox management reportedly asked

Sandoval to lose weight during the off-season. While there are conflicting reports of what was said and who it was said to, it is clear that Sandoval spent more time with Little Debbie in the off-season than he did with his trainer. Not only did Sandoval report to 2016 Spring Training late, he showed up looking even bigger and more out of shape. This led to major scrutiny from Boston media, in which, Sandoval lashed back. Sandoval told MassLive.com that he lacked trust for the media. “I don’t pay attention to the media,” Sandoval said. “You guys can say whatever you want. At the end of the day, at the end of the season, if we’re doing well, you guys are going to be there. You guys are going to be talking good things or bad things

if we’re doing well or not. I hope if we be doing well, you guys keep talking crap about it. So I don’t care what you say — what you guys say,” Sandoval added.

Sandoval’s lack of work ethic and poor performance lead new President of Baseball Operations Dave Dombrowski to release a statement saying that a player’s salary wouldn’t dictate playing time, meaning that third base would be an open competition between Sandoval and youngster Travis Shaw, who thrived at the end of the 2015 season when he was called up from Pawtucket. Shaw went on to win the competition and got the opening day nod at third from John Farrell after Sandoval had a horrendous spring training.

Sandoval’s limited ac-

tion this season has been highlighted by errors and a snapped belt, which turned into a GIF that has been shared thousands of times over social media. The Red Sox training staff did Sandoval a solid in putting him on the DL with a bad shoulder, which apparently is a bigger deal than first thought. Sandoval’s former trainer Ethan Banning just came out and said Sandoval has a food addiction and needs to be babysat to be kept from eating. Just when things couldn’t get worse, they did.

The Red Sox need to dump this guy, even if that means starting a GoFundMe to help recoup his salary. I wouldn’t even let Sandoval play on my charity wiffle ball team. He’s that bad.

The challenges of embracing the style of American basketball

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I didn’t know what to expect when I came to America four years ago. Friends of mine, who went to college before, told me that if I would survive preseason, I basically made it.

Of course I assumed they were exaggerating. I went through multiple preseasons in Germany; I was convinced that I was more than prepared.

Well, I was wrong and it turns out my friends weren’t exaggerating.

Preseason in America is hard. There is no other

way to describe it. You get pushed to your limits every single day, you will say the phrase ‘I don’t think I can do it’ at least once a week and you run more than you could ever possibly imagine. Yes it is tough, but eventually you get used to it and you take on the mindset that you can do whatever you set your mind to. That’s what college basketball teaches you — embracing the uncomfortable, even learning to like it.

Another major difference between America and Germany is the time you actually spend practicing. Before I came to Maine, I never had workouts longer than two

hours. Usually we would have 1.5 hours of basketball practice and 30 minutes of lift. Later when I played with the first division team in Halle, we would have an hour shooting practice in the morning and a two-hour practice in the afternoon. When I told the people back home that on some days we would practice for four hours, they simply couldn’t believe it. But once again, it is something that you get used to.

Another difference can be found when looking at the attendance at games. Germany will get about 500 people to games, on a good

day. That’s it. Now imagine my surprise when I came to Maine and I saw between 1,000 to 3,000 people at every single game. The whole atmosphere is so much different than it is in Germany. I think basketball in the States is so much more appreciated and people are way more into it. College basketball in America is a lifestyle that gets more and more followers.

There is also a difference in the season structure. In Germany we have a small regular season with 26 to 34 games, depending on how far you make it during playoffs.

Back home our longest away trip was eight hours. If the game was scheduled for 6 p.m., we would leave the same day early in the morning. Leaving a couple days in advance or even staying overnight was extremely rare in Germany.

Last but not least, let’s look at the style of play. One of the main differences I noticed when I came to Maine four years ago was how much stronger and faster everybody was. Back home I was one of the stronger people, but I wasn’t even close to fulfilling the expectations Maine had for me.

I think Europe in gener-

al is really focused on fundamentals and team-style basketball, two things that Coach Barron was extremely focused on as well. Based on that, I would say that the style we played here at UMaine could easily be compared to the European style.

All in all, I would say that the differences between Maine and Germany are not as big as I imagined, especially looking at the style of play. The biggest difference can definitely be found in preseason and the kind of physical conditioning you are expected to have as a college player.

Celtics’ young roster looks to make deep postseason run

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After the Boston Celtics’ big four of Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen and Rajon Rondo dispersed soon after their championship in 2008, it became very clear Danny Ainge was cleaning house in preparation for rebuilding the team as a whole.

Even the head coach at the time, Doc Rivers, left the squad for a talented Los Angeles Clippers team. The rebuild of the Celtics was a daunting task for Ainge, who had to build the team from the ground up and bring the franchise back to its winning tradition. Ainge especially took a lot of heat when he dealt one of the franchise’s all-time greats, Paul Pierce.

What fans did not realize at the time, they now realize with the team’s current success. The Celtics are well on their way back to a championship caliber team, with no signs of slowing down.

As the final game of the regular season hit halftime, the Celtics found themselves getting embarrassed on their home court by the Miami Heat, who was beating them by 26 points at the intermission. On a night where many Celtics legends such as Bill Russell were getting honored at halftime, the new era of the Celtics team showed their true colors in the second half. By outscoring the Heat 60-26 in the second half, the Celtics battled all the way back to win the game, 98-88. It became apparent that there was

something different about this Celtics team after putting on a second half show against the Heat. This team showed the whole league that they are for real. The Celtics showed in that game that they should not be overlooked by any team in the NBA during this postseason.

To fully realize how good this Celtics team is, one has to look at what their team is made of. With an average age of only 24-years-old, this team is very young and especially fresh. Half of the players on the team’s current roster are first round draft picks, all of which were picked by the Celtics.

With a young team that was mostly drafted into the organization, the Celtics balance the floor well with their young talent. In the backcourt are Avery Bradley and Isaiah Thomas. Both players have the versatility this team needs, which is the ability to facilitate an offense and at the same time, score the ball at will. Thomas leads the team in points and assists per game this season, becoming the unselfish and reliable point guard the team desperately needed after the departure of Rondo a few years ago.

The frontcourt is led by “veteran” center Amir Johnson, small forward Jae Crowder and power forward Jared Sullinger. These three players are the backbone of this young squad. Crowder has been the surprise of this season, providing the offensive and defensive spark the team needs, leading the Celt-

ics in steals per game. Johnson provides the athleticism needed at the center position. Johnson can post up in the paint, but also can pop out to the elbow and hit a jump shot if needed. Sullinger led the team in rebounds per game this year, and is able to shoot the three-point shot which makes him a versatile and valuable player.

The bench of the Celtics has provided great depth this year, led by six-year veteran guard Evan Turner. Turner has proven this season that he is still a very deadly player, being able to score in the paint, and efficiently shoot the jumper. Second-year players Marcus Smart and Kelly Olynyk are both developing into solid offensive players, with raw talent that has been on display the past two seasons.

The winning mentality that this team has developed over the past few seasons is allowed to Head Coach Brad Stevens. Coming in three seasons ago as a young coach in the league, Stevens was faced with the tough task of being apart of the rebuilding process. Just like Steven’s team at Butler, he had the Celtics playing aggressive, fast-paced and defensive basketball very quickly. Steven’s coaching philosophy has proven to be highly effective, with the team improving its record every season since he became the head coach in 2013, leading the team to the playoffs in two of his three seasons as head coach.

The biggest investment Ainge made at the beginning of the rebuilding process was in draft picks. Fans and critics had a difficult time seeing Ainge’s vision when the big four were dealt for mostly future draft picks three or four years down the road. But, now with a strong foundation of young players on the roster, the Celtics will now reap the benefits of investing in those draft picks. They own the draft pick rights of the Brooklyn Nets and Dallas Mavericks, both are early first round picks, and then have their own draft pick. The Celtics also then have slew of second, third and later round picks. What makes this year’s draft so interesting for the Celtics is the amount of options they possess. They can invest and draft young talent, or trade away the picks for a higher caliber player, or they can do both. Ainge has so many draft picks built up from trades that his now playoff franchise can only go up after this year’s draft.

As the Celtics head into their first round matchup with the Atlanta Hawks, hopes remain high for a possible deep playoff run. The Celtics thrive off of being the underdog team but are still strong enough to knock off any team in the league in a seven game series.

Regardless of how this team performs in the postseason, with the NBA draft inching closer as well, the future is nothing but bright for this young team.

Martin
from B1

making every height on my first attempt, and I was fortunate enough to have some close friends, family, and old coaches there watching,” Martin said. “I really couldn’t have asked for a better day.”

Sprints and jumps Coach Chris Flynn was away at another meet and missed the jump, but it was something he knew would happen.

“Tyler’s had plenty of attempts at 2.02 [meters] and 2.03 [meters] where he just missed it by a hair, it was only a matter of time before he’d get it,” Flynn said. “It was just about putting it together for one attempt and getting over it. Now he’s got that weight off his shoulders.”

Even with competing in the running events, high jump remains Martin’s main focus and his favorite event.

“I really like the idea of immediate, tangible success,” Martin said. “You know right after you jump if you’ve made the height or not, and that makes it really fun to get competitive with myself.”

Martin has experienced more made heights than not lately, a trend he hopes to continue through the end of the season and hopefully qualify for NCAA Regionals.

“I’m a few heights away from making regionals, but that’s my end goal,” Martin said. “It’ll take a big jump, but with Coach Flynn and [high jumper] Asaad Hicks pushing me I know I can keep going.”



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Softball
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It looked good for the Black Bears early on as they took a 3-1 lead through the first three inning of the game. However, the top offense in the league finally got going and Maine could not hold on to their lead, surrendering two runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth inning.

Binghamton started off the game by scoring the game's first run in the top half of the first thanks to fourth-year catcher Lisa Cadogan who ripped an RBI single to left scoring third-year infielder Gabby Bracchi.

In the bottom of the first Maine knotted the score up at one. The Black Bears hit back-to-back doubles, batting in Royal for the first Black Bear run of the game.

Maine struck again in the bottom of the third inning as they plated two more runs, extending their lead to 3-1. Bouchard was back at it again with her second double of the game to lead-off the inning and get the Black Bears offense going. First-year third basemen Alyssa Derrick then singled to right, scoring Bouchard from second. Second-year first basemen Kristen Niland singled to center which drove in Derrick and put Maine ahead 3-1 after three innings of play.

From this point on the Binghamton bats erupted and the Black Bears weren't able to produce any type of offense. The Bearcats scored a pair of runs in three consecutive innings; the bottom of the fourth, fifth and sixth inning ultimately propelling them to a 7-3 victory in game one of the doubleheader.

Second-year starting pitcher Molly Flowers wasn't at her best on Saturday, but certainly nothing to sneeze at. Flowers went 5.2 innings while surrendering a season-high seven runs on 11 hits and striking out nine Bearcat batters.

"Unfortunately I wasn't at my best and we were playing against the top team in our league, I just didn't give our team a good chance to win today," Flowers said following the tough 7-3 loss.

Second-year pitcher Annie Kennedy came in and pitched a perfect 1.1 innings of work in relief. Flowers took the loss on the afternoon, dropping her record to 8-8 on the season.

In game two of the doubleheader, Maine will be seeking revenge after dropping the first game of the three-game series.

Maine shuts out Bearcats for 3-0 victory

In game two of the Saturday softball doubleheader Maine bounced back extremely quick from the game-one loss and handed the Binghamton Bearcats their first conference loss of the season.

Third-year pitcher Erin Bogdanovich was untouchable in a complete game shutout in which she guided the Black Bears to a 3-0 victory.

"We have been able to bounce back a lot this year, we don't allow a loss to bother us," Coutts said.

Bogdanovich was very impressive despite facing the conference's top offense as she went the full 7.0 innings, allowing only three hits with five strikeouts and no walks. Following the victory Bogdanovich is now 4-4 on the year.

"You have to give a lot of credit to Erin, she only gave up three hits and didn't walk any. We played good defense behind her and got the job done against a good team," Coutts added.

Maine didn't necessarily score a lot of runs but it was more than enough thanks to the pitching of Bogdanovich. Niland had a day and led the way for Maine by going 2-for-3 with two RBIs and one run scored. Harvey also had a pair of hits going 2-for-2 and scoring a run. Lennon scored the other run and went 1-for-2 on the afternoon.

The Black Bears jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second off of a Niland double to left that scored Harvey. In the fourth inning Niland batted in Lennon with another double, only this time off the fence in left field to put Maine up 2-0. Later in the inning, third-year designated hitter Maddie Moore added on an insurance run when she hit a RBI sacrifice to left allowing Niland to score and increase the Black Bear lead to three after the fourth inning.

Maine escaped with a 3-0 victory as Bogdanovich held the Bearcats in check the rest of the game and allowed Maine to make even on the day with a 1-1 split with Binghamton.

The rubber match of the series will be played on Sunday, April 17, at 11 a.m. for a winner takes all. Maine will be looking to bring home the series tomorrow and finish the weekend with confidence.

Maine closes out Binghamton with 2-1 win

Bogdanovich picked up right where she left off from Saturday's complete game. Bogdanovich went the distance once again for Coutts and her team, directing them to a 2-1 victory in a rubber match against the first place Binghamton Bearcats. Maine handed Binghamton their first two losses this year in conference play, opening up the floodgates for everyone else in the conference.

"It was just the kids wanting to win today and not backing down. Battling them toe-to-toe and then the other thing is Felicia Lennon's grandfather passed away so we wanted to go out and play for her. We had to give everything we had for her and I think

that was part of the victory too," Coutts said.

Bogdanovich was nothing short of sensational yet again, pitching 7.0 innings while allowing only one run on two hits and fanning four Bearcat batters. She was in such control of her pitches for the second straight game only surrendering one walk after not allowing even one walk the previous day. She has now gone her last 14.0 innings with just one base on ball.

Lennon and Harvey were the lone pair to have multiple hits in this contest for either team. Lennon produced a 2-for-3 day at the plate with an RBI. Harvey also went 2-for-3 and scored a run. Bouchard went 1-for-3 with a run scored as well.

Binghamton drew first blood in the top of the second inning when fourth-year catcher Taylor Chaffee batted in third-year speedster and pinch runner Bridget Hunt to put the Bearcats on top 1-0.

Maine took the lead from Binghamton in the bottom of the fourth when they plated two runs that ultimately led to the victory. Bouchard singled to center field to start off the inning. Harvey then singled to right and advanced to second on an error that also allowed Bouchard to score and tie the game up at one a piece. Lennon then delivered what turned out to be the game-winning hit on an RBI double that she roped to the right/ center field gap scoring Harvey.

The Black Bears are now 16-15 after the series win over first place Binghamton and 6-2 in America East action sliding them up to second place in the conference. Binghamton sees their record drop to 21-11 and 7-2 in conference play after the weekend visit to Orono.





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